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HEAVY ARRIVALS.

NEW GOODS,

ALL READY FOR A LARGE SPRING TRADE.

Our Men's Clothing Department, Our Youths', Boy's, and Children's Departments, Our Custom Tailoring Department, Our Gentlemen's Furnishing Department, Our Hat and Cap Department, in fact all the Departments

Are Full of All the Desirable Styles, and at Prices Away Down.

CONSUMERS have great advantages in making purchases of us. They can always depend upon getting the LATEST STYLES, and have Large Stocks to select from. And for LOW PRICES we shall do in the future what we have done in the past,—UNDERSELL THEM ALL.

We sell lots of Goods at Lower Prices than Merchants in the Country pay for them.

Do not, under any circumstances, allow any one to persuade you to buy until you have examined OUR VERY LARGE STOCK and LOW PRICES. Clothing is Lower this season than any other article in existence.

MABLEY, the One-Price Clothier,

124, 126, 128, 130, 132, and 134 Woodward Ave., DETROIT.

SEE
THE CELEBRATED GALE
AND SOUTH BEND PLOWS,
And Ellwood Sulky Cultivators,
At DRURY & TAYLOR'S.

REMEMBER

THAT WE ARE THE AGENTS FOR THE
MILLS' RANGE,

The best in the market, and have the

LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF COOK STOVES
IN THE CITY.

DRURY & TAYLOR,
CONGRESS STREET.

Easterly AND Leonard,

Headquarters for the Grocery Trade
Old stand of H. A. Weeks & Co.

Groceries, Crockery,
Glassware.

The Women say our TEAS
are the Best in the Market.

We Pay the Highest Market
Price for EGGS and BUTTER, in ex-
change. And we will not be beat in
the purchase of the produce of the gar-
den and farm.

N.B.—We keep a Deliv-
ery Wagon, and deliver
our goods at all times of
the day.

EASTERLY & LEONARD,
South side Congress Street,

Second Store from Washington St.

Choirs, Singing Schools, Societies
SHOULD USE

THE SALUTATION per doz. or ZION
\$12.00, or THE ENCORE per doz., or
PERKINS' SINGING SCHOOL per doz.,
or JOHNSON'S CHORUS CHOIR IN-
STRUCTION BOOK \$12.00
per doz.

The first two are first-class Church music books,
by L. O. Emerson and W. O. Perkins, and have full
instructive courses. The last three are fitted espe-
cially for Singing Schools by the very best talent.
Now for a spirited Winter, and Spring Singing Class.

Also give new interest to the year's practice, by
getting up one of our 40 CANTATAS, (send for
circulars). Five of them are:

Belshazzar, Butterfield, \$1.25
Don Munro, Dudley Buck, 1.50
Joseph's Bondage, Chadwick, 1.25
Prodigal Son, Sullivan, 1.25
Walpurgis Night, Mendelssohn, .80

Belshazzar and Joseph's Bondage are dramatized,
and are splendid musical dramas.

LYON & HEALY, Chicago.

OLIVER DITSON & Co., Boston.

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NEW GOODS,

The Sunday-School Lesson—TO- MORROW, March 24.

MANASSEH BROUGHT TO REPEN-
TANCE.

II. Chron. 38: 9-16.

GOLDEN TEXT:—"As many as I love I
reprove and chasten: be zealous, therefore,
and rebuke."—REV. 3: 19.

CENTRAL TRUTH:—Afflictions should lead
to repentance.

Like a deadly cancer, which, removed
from one part of the body, breaks out in
another, idolatry, that foul ulcer on the
Jewish people, broke out again after the
good king's death. The snake was scotched,
not killed. The youthful king did not walk
in the ways of his pious father. His name
means "forgetting," and he did forget his
father's ways. Under the sharp judgements
of God he was brought to repentance, and
"humbled himself greatly before the
God of his fathers." A captive, and in prison,
he thought on his ways, and turned to
God for forgiveness. God heard his prayer
and delivered him from captivity. This
goodness was not lost on Manasseh. He
turned away from his former sins, and
with his people, returned to the pure worship
of Jehovah.

1. The guilt of sin is aggravated by high
position and great influence. They, who
in our day occupy high position, such as
rulers, members of Congress, heads of great
monied institutions, leaders of thought and
public opinion, editors, authors, teachers,
should cultivate a deep sense, not merely of
the advantages, but of the responsibilities
of their position. Their conduct has a
great influence on the people. They do
much to elevate or depress the standard of
public morals. And their final account will
embrace not only their private walks, and
personal character, but their influence for
good or evil on the public welfare, and the
history of their times.

2. Afflictions averted. Had Manasseh
been permitted by God to go on unchecked
in his sinful career, the results to his kingdom
would have been appalling, and he
himself would have soon filled up the measure
of his iniquities.

It was a great mercy,—the greatest of his life,—that God deliv-
ered him into the hand of his enemies.

That brought him to a better land. He
saw his sin in its real enormity, and repen-
ted and turned to God. Those weary days
of captivity were his best days.

3. God is willing to hear the prayer of the
very chief of sinners. Manasseh's hands
were stained with much innocent blood, but
when he lifted them to God, in humble
confession of his great sin, and in earnest
prayer for pardon, God heard his cry. And if
Manasseh was forgiven, what sinner need
despair. David once put up a very extra-
ordinary prayer: "Pardon mine iniquity,
O Lord, for it is great" (Ps. 23: 11).

When man desires his fellow man to for-
give him for any offence, he often depre-
cates its nature and asks to be forgiven on
account of the smallness of the sin or of extenuating
circumstances. But David makes the
very enormity of his guilt a plea for the
Divine forgiveness.

4. True repentance always leads to re-
formation. Regret is not repentance. A
man may be sorry for the consequences of
his sin, and not sorry for the sin itself.

Most men regret their crime when they
think of it in a prison cell. Yet how many
go forth from prison to sin again. Manasseh's
repentance was more than regret. It
led to reformation. He cast down the idol
temples and restored the walls of God's
house. He had led the people away into
idolatry. He led them back to the true
worship of God. Are you sorry for sin?

Show it in your future life. Waste no time
in mere lamentations over the guilty past.

One truly good act is worth an ocean of
useless tears.

5. How precious is the doctrine of
Christ's great atonement to the sin-convict-
ed and penitent soul. Manasseh held up
bloody hands to God in prayer. But there
was no merit in that blood, though it was
the blood of innocent victims. Only He
who died on Calvary, the just for the un-
just, to bring us to God, and who as our
Intercessor extends his bleeding hands in
our behalf, can prevail to bring us pardon
and peace.

"None but Jesus! none but Jesus!
Can do helpless sinners good!"

The following articles and money were
given by the society for the relief and aid
of needy persons and deserving objects:

Four pair of shoes, \$5.75; 9 comforters,
\$13.50; 10 shirts, \$5; 2 night-dresses,
75 cents; 17 children's dresses, \$6; 16
aprons, \$4; 12 pair of drawers, \$4; 8
undergarments, \$2.50; 1 box toys (to A.
M. E. church, Sunday School) \$2.50; cash
to poor, \$3; one years subscription to maga-
zine for reform club reading room, \$2.50;
one years subscription to Truth for the
People for reform club reading room, \$1;
cash to reform club, proceeds of stand of
\$82.12. Total disbursements, \$82.62.

The Busy Bees have made 107 aprons, 23
dresses, 16 shirts, 22 undergarments, 22
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total value of which is estimated at \$77.63.

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The society has purchased during the
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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MICHIGAN

At a meeting of officers of the Michigan Trotting Circuit, held at Detroit, it was decided that the meeting at Adrian shall be held the first week in June, Kalamazoo during the second week, Grand Rapids the third week, Jackson the fourth week and Detroit the first week in July. The classification of races occupied considerable time, and resulted as follows: Three minutes, 2:45, 2:37, 2:22, 2:26 and 2:23. A free-for-all race will be given at Kalamazoo, Adrian and Detroit.

The Grand Rapids purses will be \$800 for each race, and the Jackson purses \$1,000 each. The Detroit purses will differ somewhat from Jackson's, giving to the faster classes more money than the slower. Adrian will offer a \$500 purse for each race, with a \$1,000 reserve to be divided between the pacers and Raros.

The Kalamazoo Young Ladies' Cooking Club is a success.

Kalamazoo Telegraph: The chemical works at Bangor, Van Buren County, drew over fifteen thousand gallons of condensed smoke from one coal kiln week before last, and last week they were drawing six gallons per minute. The furnace is turning off from twenty-eight to thirty tons of pig iron daily.

Forty thousand juvenile whitefish have been turned loose in Turtle Lake near Union City, and they are to be followed next June by 30,000 eels.

G. W. Smith, of Grand Rapids, was arrested the other night and locked up as a dangerous lunatic. On investigation it appeared that a physician had undertaken to inject morphine under his skin but had by mistake injected a deadly poison, from the effects of which Mr. Smith narrowly escaped dying.

Navigation is now fairly open on the lakes, and there is no ice.

The farmers and wool growers of Michigan will hold a convention at Kalamazoo April 9th.

A young salmon, thirteen and one-half inches in length, has been caught in the Kalamazoo River below the dam at Plainwell.

New post offices have been established at Vogel Center, Missaukee county, and Spring Grove, Allegan. Clifford post-office, LaPere county, has been re-established.

The saloon-keepers of Detroit are tired of keeping up an ineffectual resistance against the liquor law and have dissolved their "protective association."

Gov. Creswell has appointed the following trustees for the new Eastern Michigan Asylum for the Insane at Pontiac: H. P. Baldwin, of Wayne; G. Hannahs, of Van Buren, to serve till Jan. 1, 1883; Willard M. McConnell, Michael E. Crofoot, Oakland, till January 1, 1881; Samuel G. Ives, Washtenaw; Warren G. Vinton, Wayne, till January 1, 1879.

It is rumored that Vanderbilt has obtained control of the Chicago and Port Huron Railroad.

The assessed valuation of Detroit real estate is \$92,709,575.

Since the 12th inst. there has been nothing to obstruct navigation between Chicago and Detroit. All the lakes and rivers are free from ice. The boats will begin running between Detroit and Cleveland on the 20th. Already sailing craft are on the lakes making long trips.

Wm. A. Howard will leave in about two weeks to assume his duties as Gov. of Dakota.

The superintendent of the Sault Ste Marie ship canal expects to have it ready for the passage of vessels by April 1st. The Sault river is free from ice.

In the suit of Mrs. Newcomer of Chicago, against Dr. E. N. Van Deuse, late Supt. of the Mich. State Insane Asylum, for illegal imprisonment and mal-practice, a verdict of \$6,000 was rendered for the plaintiff. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Geo. Pardee, of Old Mission, has plowed 70 acres of ground since December 1st.

The next annual meeting of the Michigan State Medical Society will be held in Lansing May 9.

Fish Commissioner Jerome has deposited 1,500,000 California salmon fry in Clinker Lake, near Douglas.

There have been large additions this Spring to the Freshman class of the Agricultural College. The class is nearly doubled in number. The rooms in the new and old halls are nearly all taken.

The Traverse Bay Eagle says the prospect for a full crop of fruit of all kinds was never better than now in the Grand Traverse region. Should the season continue good, there will be an abundant crop.

Lymn K. Holmes, township treasurer of Bloomingdale, Van Buren county, was robbed Friday night of \$800 by highwaymen, who found him in his stable, and gagged and relieved him of the above sum.

Saturday last a swarm of bees came into Eaton Branch's yard and lighted in one of his trees, and soon after they were safely hived by Mr. Branch. This surprises the oldest inhabitants, not one of whom ever heard of bees venturing earlier than the last of May or first of June.—*Lawrence Advertiser*.

Latest Michigan Patents:

Plows—H. Gale, Albion.

Fire Escapes—J. C. Moore, Lowell.

Windmills—F. Robert, Monroe.

Clothes Pounders—R. A. Eddy, East Saginaw.

Wrenches—A. Berden and A. E. Warren, Tecumseh.

Water Heating Apparatus—R. Freer, Cassopolis.

Fire Kindlers—J. H. Prentiss, Saginaw.

Car Heaters—W. Smith, Adrian.

Bed Stone Supports for Grinding Mills—F. G. Wallace, Jackson.

Supplying Steam Blast to Furnaces—E. R. Steg, Detroit.

Mr. Hurley, a farmer of Seneca, Leavenworth Co., woke up Monday night and found his house in flames. It is supposed to have caught from a lamp left burning. He carried out two children sleeping in the apartment with himself, and then hauled his wife and one child from another room with a hoe. Another child in the same room he could not reach. The house and contents were all burned. One child died this morning, and Mrs. Hurley cannot live, the front of her body being burned to a crisp. Mr. Hurley is also in a pitiable condition.

The steam flouring mill of Lord, Fargo & Co., at Grass Lake, was destroyed by fire at 11 o'clock Monday evening. For some time the town was in imminent danger, but by heroic exertions the warehouse directly east was saved, thus saving the entire business portion of the village. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary, as no fire had been in the mill since Saturday. Insurance, \$8,000, on the mill. A small amount of grain and about 100 barrels of flour were burned.

In the Circuit Court at Flint, Judge Turner sentenced Edward Sullivan, convicted of manslaughter, to seven years hard labor at Jackson.

The University Rose-Douglas case again came up for trial Tuesday morning.

About five months ago a little 4-year old son of Nicholas Lemon, who lives about four miles from Clare, wandered off and got lost in the woods. The neighbors turned out and searched the woods in all directions, but failed to find any trace of him and brought his mother home in a crazed condition. A few days ago the remains of the child were found by the side of a large log where it had probably died of hunger and exposure.

A promising newly discovered vein of copper is being opened on the property of the Saginaw mine in the upper peninsula.

GENERAL NEWS.

A dispatch from London, Ont., gives the particulars of horrible cruelty practiced upon working children. J. H. Hargreaves, proprietor of a hair factory here, was arrested last night charged with excessive cruelty to young apprentices, male and female. Implements of torture, consisting of ropes and pulleys, leather thongs, paddocks and gags, were produced in court to-day. One of the victims, Annie Sparks, related the cruelties that had been practiced on her by Hargreaves and his partner, Jarvis. She had been repeatedly left suspended by her hands from the ceiling of a dark room—one time for four days. Hargreaves would slacken the rope at dinner time and hoist her again at night. She described the gagging and flogging process, as applied to herself and several others. Hargreaves was committed for trial. His former has been arrested for complicity, and Jarvis, the partner, has absconded. At the close of the court, the police had difficulty in keeping Hargreaves from the mob.

The loss of life from the late snow storm in the western mountain region will be considerable. On Thursday last a party of five men, Joe Conney, H. J. McCant, Chas. Wilson and Messrs. Card and Hunt, left Lawrence City for a hunt and were caught in the storm. The bodies of the last three were found yesterday at Cooper's Lake, 20 miles west of Larimore. Conney's body and the bodies of two horses were found this afternoon. McCant can still missing. The stock men anticipate only a small loss in cattle, probably 2 per cent., and in sheep 5 per cent.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington received the following telegram from Collector Brayton, at Columbia, S. C.:

Information is just received from Special Deputy Collector Hoffman that on the 9th inst. three illicit distillers, arrested by his force and committed to jail at Picker's court house by Commissioner Thornby, were released by an armed mob, supposed to be led by the outlaw Redmond. The sheriff, who surrendered the keys to save his life, refused to aid in recapturing the prisoners. Deputy Collector Jellson, at Greenville, telegraphed last night surrounded the house of Wm. Gray, who aided the revenue officers in arresting the released distillers for the purpose of hanging him. When satisfied that he was absent with the officers, the mob started in pursuit, threatening to capture the gang and drive the officers from that station. The danger of the officers being overpowered is imminent. Redmond's gang is organized and desperate. The Commissioner telephoned to the Collector to organize a posse, and to call upon marshals and deputy marshals—using force and means to vindicate the majesty of the law.

Another fire at Hot Springs, Ark. Loss \$10,000.

The Superintendent of Public Works of New York expects to have the canals open by the 10th of April, which is earlier than for any season the past twenty years.

A special meeting of the House of Bishops will be held in New York June 17th to consider the resignation of his jurisdiction by Bishop McCosky, of Michigan.

A bill has been introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives which makes cremation of the human body a misdemeanor, and provides for a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, with imprisonment, and makes it the duty of constables, sheriffs and other officers to enforce the act under penalty of prosecution.

A bill from Bismarck says that the storm of last week extended over the Upper Missouri Valley, lasting three days, the snow on the stage-road to Fort Buford being from one to fifteen feet deep.

The following synopsis shows the exports of animal products from the United States for the month of February: Bacon and hams, 90,342,777 pounds; pork, 5,984,115; pickled beef, 4,995,950; fresh beef, 4,894,514; lard, 41,865,434; tallow, 9,177,601; butter, 721,464; cheese, 3,338,722; aggregate value, \$13,655,218.

The Supreme Court of Louisiana has discharged Anderson. The Court reviewed the proceedings, the verdict and the sentence, and said: "The document offered was a 'consolidated statement,' certified by the register of voters, and the statute of the State does not attach much value to it. This 'consolidated statement,' the original returns not being altered, would not change the result of the election, or interfere with the interest of the people. The paper offered in evidence is not the paper charged as being forged. In order to be a forgery, the instrument which is alleged to be falsified, must, if true be legally capable of committing a fraud."

Nowhere in law is a consolidated return required as a declaration of the result, and its alteration or modification can in no way affect an election. If every consolidated return were forged, and the Returning Board complied with the law, and made their statement from the commissioners' returns, no injury could result.

It does not appear that any paper has been forged that is calculated, with a compliance with the law, to change the result. It is the essence of the crime that it should be committed by a public officer, and on a document which would change the result of the election. This was not done.

It was ordered that the verdict of the jury be set aside and reversed, and the prisoner discharged from custody.

Washington dispatches say that Secretary Sherman will be ready to resume specie payments by the first of July, but doubts whether, under the law, he can do until the first of January.

The Comptroller of the Currency has called upon the national banks for a report showing their condition at the close of business, Friday, March 15.

A dispatch from Hutchinson, Texas, the 19th says: The train due here at 10:05 was robbed by four masked men, the express taken, the mail plundered, and express messenger Thomas wounded.

About 15 or 20 shots were exchanged. The leader of the gang was 26 or 27 years of age, and all appeared to be young men. They made the engineer, fireman, agent and a negro who was on the platform, stand in front of the express car so the messenger could not fire when leaving.

The Mormons have been investigating Brigham Young's affairs, and claim that he owned the church \$1,500,000.

A. T. Stewart & Co., New York, have resumed specie payments. Gold and

silver coin are now used indiscriminately in making change in their store.

Within a period of 11 years the public debt of Canada has increased from \$93,046,951 to \$174,673,834; the excess of imports over exports for the same length of time totals up a sum of \$235,746,000.

A Negro was sold at auction in the streets of Hickman, Ky., last week. He had been previously convicted as a vagrant; and the verdict of the jury was that he should be sold into servitude for six months, as the law provides and directs.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A special from Berlin reports that the various governments have agreed, in principle, to the representation of Greece at the Congress.

It is asserted that Germany thinks that nearly all the points of the San Stefano preliminaries should be submitted to the Congress, and Russia has shown herself almost disposed to accept this view.

A special from Corfu reports that the Turks have devastated eight Christian villages in the district of Delvinio, and massacred the male inhabitants. They also killed 100 fugitive women and children on the seaboard. The English Consul has gone to investigate the outrages. Lloyd's steamship Sphinx, which took fire with 2,500 Circassians on board, causing a loss of 700 of them, was fired by the Circassians during an encouter. They previously plundered the vessel.

The corps of miners who were at work at the time of the explosion, 44 in number, have been recovered from Kearsley colliery.

Russia has intimated her desire that the congress meet March 30, the twenty-second anniversary of the signature of the treaty of Paris. The Austrian government firmly anticipates that the congress will assemble that day.

Subscriptions for the new issue of 50,000 roubles in treasury bonds were opened at St. Petersburg Wednesday. It is officially stated that the whole amount was immediately subscribed.

A special from Vienna says that it is certain that the Porte, at the instigation of Russia, has decided to oppose the occupation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Crown Prince of Austria will shortly visit the United States and Brazil.

A dispatch from Berlin says Germany upholds the proposition of England submitting all the terms of the treaty of peace to the congress, except the question of pecuniary indemnity.

The conference will be assembled immediately after the treaty is communicated to the powers. The proceedings will last 10 days or a fortnight. Only a few points are likely to cause serious debate.

Austria opposes Russia's assuming the protection of the entire Greek Church. The Pester Philistine states that England and Austria have agreed to demand the annexation of Thessaly, Epirus and Macedonia to Greece, if Russia persists in the extension of Bulgaria.

The London Daily Telegraph says: "Yesterday's rise in silver was in consequence of the purchase of \$750,000 for shipment to America."

The first cargo of grain from the Black Sea since the raising of the blockade arrived at Falmouth.

England continues her preparations for war.

Greece is to be refused admission to the peace congress.

The Pope, notwithstanding violent opposition, has ordered the Italian bishops to legalize their positions, giving them liberty to demand an exequatur from government. This defines the Pope's policy. It means tacit acceptance of the loss of temporal powers.

Six thousand persons have been attacked with the measles at Lyons.

A dispatch from Constantinople announces that 20,000 Russians have arrived at Tchatalda of Tirnova.

The National Zeitung says the Austrian Government has been positively informed that the Russians are concentrating on the Austrian frontier.

A Pera correspondent hears from a trustworthy source that England has strongly protested at St. Petersburg against the Russian advance towards the Dardanelles and Bosphorus.

Turkey will remain neutral in the event of a difference between England and Russia.

The Times says that the latest phase of the difference between Russia and England seems to be that Russia, while admitting the right of the Congress to discuss all points of the treaty, declines to be ultimately bound by the decision of a majority of the powers. A well informed St. Petersburg correspondent states that Russia will not allow interference with the points concerning the war indemnity, Armenia and Bessarabia.

The Hungarian delegation has voted the Austrian credit for 69,000,000 florins. England has paid the interest on the Turkish guaranteed loan.

A dispatch from Vienna says that the dead lock between Russia and England is complete. Austria and Germany are altogether opposed to England's demand. Austria has been confidentially informed of the conditions of peace, and considers them, on the whole, moderate and susceptible of further modification at the congress.

Mr. Springer (Dem., Ill.), moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill authorizing the coining of silver on the same terms as the coining of gold, (without expense to the holder of bullion,) and also authorizing the issue of coin certificates on deposit of silver bullion similar to those now authorized on deposit of gold bullion. On a viva voce vote the ayes were in a decided minority, but before the vote by yeas and nays could be taken the hour of 2 o'clock arrived, and the House, under the rules, proceeded to the consideration of the business of the Dardanelles.

March 19.—In the Senate the House bill to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship, for the purposes of the Woodruff scientific expedition around the world, passed to day as it came from the House.

The Senate bill to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes relative to cultivation of timber on the public domain was discussed until the expiration of the morning hour.

A bill was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado.

In the discussion of the law to protect timber on the public lands, an amendment was offered so as to provide that no money of the amount appropriated shall be used to collect any charge for wood or timber cut on public lands in the Territories of the United States for the use of actual settlers in the Territories and not for export from the Territory where the timber grows. Mr. Blaine accepted this amendment, and a lively debate sprung upon the policy of exacting stumpage and the action of the timber agents and the Secretary of the Interior.

The Military Academy appropriation bill came back from the House with Senate amendments not concurred in. The Senate refused to recommit and a committee of conference was appointed.

In the House, the Committee on Civil Service Reform, submitted the majority report of that committee in the matter of charges against Doorkeeper Polk. It declares Polk to be unfit for the responsibilities of the position and recommends the adoption of a resolution declaring the office of doorkeeper vacant, and devolving its duties on the Sergeant-at-Arms until the appointment of a new doorkeeper. A minority report, signed by Messrs. Cook, Cravens, Garth and Henry, declares that no corruption having been proven, or even charged, against Col. Polk, it would be a grievous wrong to adopt the majority resolution. The report was ordered printed and recommended.

The Committee on Appropriations reported back the West Point Academy bill, recommending concurrence in some of the

THE PATRIOT WAR.

A PAPER READ BY E. CLARK, ESQ., OF ANN ARBOR, AT THE PIONEER SOCIETY MEETING HELD AT YPSILANTI MARCH 6, 1875.

It will be remembered by the pioneers of Michigan, and not only by them, but by all others of that time along the frontier line between the United States and Canada, that during the winter of 1837-38 occurred what was known as the "Patriot War." The object of this war was understood to be a revolution that should separate the British possessions of Canada from the mother country that they might erect themselves into sovereign and independent States.

In consequence of the financial crash and hard times then prevailing there were many adventurous, reckless and idle persons in the States who took part with the Patriots. The animosity that grew out of our Revolutionary war and the war of 1812 towards the British may have subsided but was not forgotten, and it took but little to awaken that old feeling. It was revived along the whole length of the frontier, and was not confined to our side only; it was fairly reciprocated by our loyal neighbors. At that time, as it may be now, there were many half pay English military officers who would have hailed a war between the United States and England as a God send to them, for in that event they would be restored to active service on full pay and stand their chances for promotion. The hostile feeling had reached such a degree of intensity that General Scott was ordered to the frontier with troops. The steamer Carolina, that was supposed to be in the service of the patriots, was captured in the Niagara river by the British forces, and sent over the falls, and it was supposed with part of the crew on board. The Patriots had at that time a considerable force on Navy Island. A Rocket Brigade was stationed at Windsor. Occasional musket shots were fired from Windsor into Detroit and a correspondence was opened between the authorities on each side with a view to stop the recklessness. The late Adjutant General John E. Schwartz conducted the correspondence on the part of Michigan. He read it to the writer of this paper. About this time I visited Detroit, stopped at the National Hotel as the Russell House was then called, and before I had time to warn myself I met Col. Smith, then a member of the Legislature from Monroe County, who invited me into the back parlor where I met Governor Mason who ordered me back to Ann Arbor to raise a company of militia and report to Col. Smith, who was then under orders from the Governor to march down the Detroit river and break up the encampments of Patriots in the neighborhood of Gibraltar, a small village near the mouth of the river, and drive them away. I had also an order, addressed to the late Col. Slingland, to muster his (the 5th Regiment) from which to recruit my company by volunteers, if possible, or by draft. The Colonel issued his orders and did his duty, but so strong was the sympathy in favor of the Patriots and against the English, that not over thirty men out of about six hundred composing the regiment obeyed the Colonel's order. Of course I was obliged to report my inability to report the company ordered. My recollection is that Colonel Smith made a similar report and the encampment remained undisturbed.

The leaders of the Patriots had organized a secret society known as "Hunters," with lodges in every village along the frontier. They had their secret signs, grips, and passwords, and were sworn to secrecy. A large proportion of the able bodied men were "Hunters," that is members of "Hunters' Lodges." I mention these facts to show the state of public feeling with regard to the Patriot war and the reason that Governor Mason could not furnish the necessary force to march on the Patriot encampment and disperse the force there encamped. Before the close of navigation an expedition was organized by Brigadier General Theller, of the Patriot service, for the purpose of capturing Fort Malden. He embarked in the sloop Ann, and when she arrived off the Fort was fired into and her rigging so cut up that she became unmanageable and drifted ashore. The general and Colonel Dodge (I believe his name was) and the crew were taken prisoners. That winter a landing of a Patriot force was made on the Canada shore above Windsor and a battle fought which proved disastrous to the invaders. Another battle was fought at Point au Pelee where the Patriots were victors. From these facts it can be seen that the magazine was ready and it needed but a spark to explode it—that is to involve the country in war.

When these events were taking place, but before the fight at Point au Pelee, "General" Sutherland, of the Patriot army, made his appearance at Ann Arbor in full uniform and posted hand-bills notifying the public that he would address them at the court house on the subject of the Patriot war. The court room was filled and the General was listened to with respect and attention. Before the meeting dispersed a committee was appointed to wait on the "General," at his "quarters," to confer with him. The writer was one of that committee. The committee called on the "General" that evening, at his room, and spent an hour or two with him. From Ann Arbor he went to Manchester to address the good people of that village. His object was to get men and means to carry on the war. A short time afterwards I received a package of papers from the "General." Among them were enlistment rolls and a long letter. He wished me to join the "Patriot army" and raise a battalion of men for the Patriot service, but ostensibly as volunteer militia, hold elections for commissioned officers as directed by the militia laws of Michigan, and apply to Governor Mason for commissions. He said that as I was a personal and political friend of the Governor there would be no difficulty in getting the commission. This accomplished I was to put myself and battalion under the orders of the "General," and as soon as the Detroit river was frozen over so as to make a passage safe he would give me an order for arms, ammunitions, blankets, &c., and he would direct when and where the invasion should take place. I confess to a complete surprise,—more, I was astonished.

ed. We were almost entire strangers to each other; we had never met except at Ann Arbor, and then only for an hour or two, and knew nothing of each other's antecedents.

During the visit of the committee at the General's room I endeavored to draw him into conversation upon military subjects, tactics, history &c., but he evaded it, and I formed a small opinion of his military capacity and knowledge. And when he divulged to me, an almost entire stranger, his plan of operations I lost confidence in him as a military leader. I remembered reading an anecdote of Washington who was asked by an intimate friend and true Whig what his plan of campaign was. Washington asked, "Can you keep a secret?" "Yes, General." So can I" was the response. When the legislative committee visited General Jackson and demanded of him his plan for the defense of New Orleans, he raised a lock of hair from his head and said, "Gentlemen, if I supposed this lock of hair knew what was passing in my brain on that subject I would cut it off and burn it."

I have described the feeling along the dividing line between the States and Canada. I remember that Sutherland said that one of his principal objects was to involve the two countries in war with each other. Doing this he would attain the height of his ambition. I believe there would have been but little difficulty in enlisting the number of men to fill the four companies required, and it seemed plain to me that after receiving commissions, and before the ink of the Governor's signature was fairly dry on them Sutherland would have ordered a forward movement at a place where we would have been met by an overwhelming force and been compelled to surrender. I could come to no other conclusion than that Sutherland was false to the cause he pretended to espouse. If we had been taken prisoners of course we would have claimed the treatment of prisoners of war. This may have been accorded to us in consideration of our commissions, and we have been hanged as Cunnigham, Linn, Lount and others were. If the invasion had taken place that might have been regarded by our Canadian neighbors as a commencement of hostilities on the part of the United States and as a sufficient justification for the Rocket Brigade to open Detroit and burn it. At that time there were no troops there except the Brady Guards, an excellent company of volunteer militia of less than one hundred men. What the consequences would have been if Sutherland's orders had been obeyed others may infer. I remember that Sutherland told me that he had called meetings and made speeches through Oakland County as he had in Washtenaw. My duty seemed plain and simple, and I lost no time in going to Detroit with this package of papers. I found the Governor in his office in the old capitol, and as soon as we were left alone I told him my errand and laid the papers before him. He read them attentively and arose from his chair and walked the office for some minutes without uttering a word. It was plain to be seen that a storm was brewing. At length it burst out in language more forcible for me to repeat in this paper. My impression was that if Sutherland had been present he would have felt the weight of the Governor's arm. A more angry man I have seen. After the engagement at Point au Pelee occurred, Sutherland, under the pretense of joining the victorious Patriots at the Point, attempted to pass Fort Malden with a horse and cutter on the ice and was captured by some of the garrison of the Fort, which he probably intended to be, and with Theller and Col. Dodge, was held as a prisoner until the three were taken to Quebec, and confined in one of the fortresses there. Theller and Dodge made their escape from the prison and, after returning, Theller told me that on their journey down, which was by private conveyance, (there were no railroads then), he and Dodge were confined in jails nights but Sutherland was entertained in hotels. On reaching their prison, the three were shut up in the same cell for awhile, but so strong were their impressions that Sutherland was in British pay and a traitor to the Patriot cause that they laid plans to get rid of him. They believed him a spy on them, they found him a coward and so worked upon his fears until he was removed. After Theller and Dodge had the cell to themselves they applied themselves to work and effected their escape and returned to Michigan. The Canadian struggle for national independence was unsuccessful.

Another expedition was planned at Detroit for the capture of Fort Malden and was to sail from that city under the command of a "General" from Cleveland. It had been ascertained that the garrison was lodged in the Queen's ware-house at the foot of the wharf, and the officers quartered at hotels in the village of Amherstburg, and that at night there was but a small force on guard at the fort. Three steam boats were to be employed, and when they arrived off the fort one boat was to lay across the head of the wharf, and the other two one on each side; one party should march directly to the fort and take it; the second should capture the garrison in the warehouse; and the third should capture the officers. This was to be done in the night. And however feasible the plan was, the "General" lacked the nerve to undertake it. It was like the "cause" a failure. After the escape of Theller and Dodge, Sutherland was set at liberty without trial and without punishment, proving further that he was a traitor to the Patriots. He wandered to the far West, to the verge of civilization, and after a few years died.

"Is he a good horse to go?" "Thee would be pleased to see him go," said the conscientious Quaker. A bargain was struck, and a balky horse changed owners. His purchaser in high dudgeon went back upon the Quaker. He defined his position: "I have not lied to thee, friend. I told thee, thee, would be pleased to see him go. Now wouldn't thee be pleased to see him go?"

An editor's wife never goes through her husband's other pants' pockets to strike a package of love letters. Editors are not like the wicked, unfaithful men of the world—editors rarely have the other pants.

Forfeited Public Land Grants

The Committee of the House on Public Lands has reported favorably a bill restoring to the public domain a total of 125,000,000 of acres of public lands, granted to the States and railroad companies, and to aid various public works, which lands have become forfeited by failure to comply with the terms of the grants. It is held that forfeiture does not take effect without legislation. Most of the grants named were made to States to aid specified enterprises, and several of them date back as far as 1856. The following is the preamble and text of the bill:

Whereas, More than 100,000,000 acres of the public lands of the United States have been granted by Congress to States and corporations to aid in the construction of certain railroads and telegraph lines, and said States and corporations have failed to perform the conditions of their respective grants, and have failed, in whole or in part, to earn said lands, many of which have been withdrawn and withheld from settlement for more than 20 years, and which lands should be restored to the public domain, and offered to settlement as other public lands; therefore,

Be it enacted, &c. That all the public lands which have been granted by Congress to aid in the construction of the following-named railroad and telegraph lines, and specified, which have not been earned under said grants, are hereby declared forfeited to the United States; and said lands shall hereafter be disposed of as other public lands of the United States.

The following is the list of grants which the bill declares forfeited:

Name of Railroad.	States in which located.	Estimated quantity of land granted.	Acres.
Gulf and Ship Island,	Mississippi...	652,800	
Cossa and Arkansas,	Ala. and Fla.	419,520	
Alabama & Chattanooga,	Alabama.....	132,480	
formerly St.-east and			
South-west Alabama, and			
Willis Valley R'y,	Alabama.....	897,920	
Pensacola and Georgia,	Florida.....	1,568,720	
Florida, Atlantic and Gulf	Florida.....	183,133	
Central.			
North Louisiana and Tex-	Louisiana...	610,880	
as, formerly Vicksburg,			
Shreveport and Texas	Louisiana...	3,800,000	
New Orleans, Baton Rouge			
and Vicksburg,	St. Louis and Iron Moun-	640,000	
tain,	Ark and Mo.	1,069,296	
Little Rock and Fort	Michigan.....	355,420	
Smith,			
Detroit and Milwaukee,	Michigan.....	552,515	
Long Island and Ontaria-			
gon, formerly Marquette	Wisconsin...	1,408,455	
and Ontonagon,			
Wisconsin Central, for-	Wisconsin...	1,800,000	
merly Portage, Winne-			
bago and Superior,			
St. Paul and Pacific, St.	Minnesota...	2,000,000	
Vincent extension, for-			
merly branch to Red			
River of the North,			
St. Paul and Pacific,			
Brainerd branch, for-			
merly branch to Lake			
Superior,			
Minnesota and Dakota	Minnesota...	1,475,000	
Oregon Central,	Oregon.....	1,200,000	
Atlantic and Pacific,	Various...	42,000,000	
Texas Pacific,	Various...	18,000,000	
Northern Pacific,	Various...	47,000,000	
Total,		127,247,040	

The bill is causing a good deal of excitement among railroad men, and will attract pretty wide attention, since it touches a very large number of interests. Some of the lands enumerated are worthless; others are supposed to be very valuable. According to the public records the lands are all forfeited, and only this formal act is needed to restore them to the Government; but there is a supposition that in some cases the works have been completed as provided for, because the moment they come into possession of the corporations they are subject to taxation, which is escaped by allowing them to remain as public lands. If such is the fact, the bill above noted will lead the roads to come forward with their claims and show their real condition. It will be noticed that Texas-Pacific and Northern Pacific lands are in the list which is said to cover all technical forfeitures to date.

The University Chancery Suit.

In the Washtenaw Circuit Court, which commenced its session in Ann Arbor on Tuesday, the question came up for decision whether Mr. Webber or Mr. Granger, both of whom are counsel for the Regents in the Rose-Douglas suits, should have the management of the suits. Mr. Webber having filed an answer to the cross bill of Dr. Douglas against the Regents, while Mr. Granger had filed a demur. When Mr. Granger arose to make his motion to dismiss the bill Mr. Webber objected and a long argument as to the respective rights of the two lawyers set for the University ensued.

Judge Huntington, in deciding the question, thought it very strange that two solicitors, interested for the same end, should pursue antagonistic courses. Such a thing was unknown in court. The counsel must, he said, agree upon the steps which the parties ought to take; otherwise there would be two defendants in the case. The motion of Mr. Granger was in the case of the Regents vs. Rose, Douglass et. al., to dismiss the cross suit of Douglass vs. Regents. Mr. Webber appeared February 19th as solicitor in the cross suit, and as such Douglass has dealt with him and made a stipulation. Webber having appeared for the Regents in the cross suit, the complainant had a right to trial with him. Mr. Granger had been retained in the principal case, and it was to be supposed that he had been retained in a proper manner; but he could not now come forward and take any step which would affect the stipulation already made by Mr. W. with Dr. Douglas. The Regents might employ additional counsel, but they could not undo what had been done, and therefore he would not entertain Mr. Granger's motion.

Sectarianism in the Schools.

All agree that religious sectarianism should not be permitted in the schools. But what kind of an agreement is that over which, while professing to argue, there is a constant quarrel? The difficulty lies in the disagreement as to what is sectarian. Section 121, of the school laws reads as follows:

"No school district shall apply any of the moneys received by it from the primary school fund or from any or all other sources, for the support and maintenance of any school of a sectarian character, whether the same be under

the control of any religious society or made sectarian by the district board."

But this throws very little light on the question, what is sectarian? A hater of Christianity will call any teaching of Christianity sectarian. With him religion and sectarianism are synonymous terms. But all men are not so ignorant as that. It is very plain that the law has reference only to the diverse views of those who believe in the Bible. It virtually endorses those foundation doctrines in which Christians agree, for the prohibition of a part of a thing is always regarded as an endorsement of the remainder. This is a Christian nation; this is a Christian State; and the deologue is the foundation of all our laws. Bob Ingersoll is therefore ruled out of court on this question; and he has no more constitutional or personal right to say the Bible shall be turned out of the schools than have the heathen Chin-e of San Francisco. But when we come to differences among Christians themselves, there is a chance for argument."

If a teacher instructs the children that only immersion is baptism, or that one "born again" cannot fall from grace, or that all will be saved, or that there is no church but the church, or that the priest can forgive sins, or that a moral life is all men need, no one can question it is sectarian; and the law forbids the payment of money for the support of that school. This law was enacted sixteen or eighteen years ago, because it was found that there were some districts in the State where a majority of the people, or the board, were of a certain sect, and they made the school offensively sectarian by prominently teaching their peculiar dogmas. There are some such schools still. But school officers should understand that paying public money to such teachers is unlawful; they are liable to all the penalties of the law for illegal use of the public funds; and it is the duty of the township board to remove them from office. They cannot shield themselves under the plea that if the teaching is sectarian, the teacher and not they is responsible, for the law will hold them responsible for the acts of the teacher whom they employ. They may have the town board and the people of the district with them now, winking at their illegal acts, but a change may come, and they may find the law calling back upon them to restore the funds illegally disposed of.

But how shall this question of sectarianism in the schools be settled? Must the moral nature of the pupils be wholly ignored? Must the teacher be careful not to remind them that they have a moral nature, as much higher than the intellectual, as the intellectual is higher than the sensible? Must they be taught that they are living only for time—that worldly knowledge is all they need to prepare them for future destiny? Very few will go so far as this. How, then, shall we avoid a split on this rock of contention, and yet recognize the higher nature of the pupils, and the moral demands of that nature, and the authority of a Creator in whom all believe? There need be no difficulty, if men would be reasonable, and give the same respect to the opinions of others which they ask for their own.

A judicious teacher can teach moral and spiritual truth without making it sectarian. If he can do this, and no one objects to it, let him do so. But the tendency of such teaching will be to now and then hit somebody's peculiar opinion; or, if it does not, some sensitive soul may fear it will; and so he is hit without being hit; he is hit upon not being so much as put in fear. Well, if there are enough of this character in the district to entitle their opinions or whims to attention, let them be respected, however unreasonable we may think they are. Give up the oral teaching of religious truth in that school, except as it is unavoidably connected with the moral instruction in which all whose opinion anybody is bound to respect, will agree. Fall back to the foundation rock on which all rest. The Bible is not a sectarian book. A court that would hold it so would sink beneath the common contempt of the age. As a last concession to the diverse opinions of men who base their faith in that book, we would, when required for the peace and prosperity of the school, confine the religious exercises to that book. The man who objects to his child reading the Bible puts himself outside the pale of morals, and writes himself a heathen who desires his child to be a heathen after him. Taboo the Bible in the school, and you put a brand upon it everywhere, and strike a blow at the very foundation of our civil rights, and take a long step backward toward the "dark ages," when its light was not permitted to shine. The man who fears the Bible will injure his child, fails to exercise reason; and on that point can be regarded only as a maniac, or an intellectual imbecile. If a man fears his child will get a wrong understanding of the Bible by its simple reading, let the pupil repeat the passage read daily to his parent, and let him explain it according to his own wisdom. He need not leave his child to the mere text of the Divine Word. If he fears its teachings will lead astray, let him turn its finger boards in the right direction. Surely, if he is at all reasonable, he can do that much for the sake of parents who believe the reading of the Book of infinite importance. But the trouble is, men are not reasonable. It is not enough that their children are given religious instruction without anyism; it must be with theirism or not at all. And they talk about "conscientious scruples!" It is bigotry, tenfold worse than all they ever charge upon Christian zealots; a bigotry which multitudes would not exercise, if their consciences were in their own keeping, and they dared to act in accordance with their own honest judgment.

The decision of the question is wholly with the school boards, subject only to the restriction of the law above quoted. Every district board should take the sentiment of the district into account, and seek to harmonize that sentiment, without ignoring the rights of individuals to receive such instruction as will render them good men and women, as well as good scholars.

"The girls of our day are very badly educated," said one of the members of a committee on education to the Bishop of Gloucester. "That can not be denied," retorted his lordship. "How ever, there is one consolation, the boys will never find it out."

From the Marquette Mining Journal. W. A. Burt and the Solar Compass.

Hon. J. A. Hubbell, M. C., has introduced a bill in the house, appropriating one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to the heirs of Wm. A. Burt, the inventor of the solar compass. The bill asks for only a small fraction of the amount that has been saved to the country by the use of this instrument, and it ought to pass both branches of congress and become a law. But it remains to be seen if congress will be willing, after so many years of delay, to do justice to the heirs of one of the benefactors of the country. For the information of our readers we very briefly state a few facts about this invention, and the use the government has made of it. W. A. Burt had been for many years a local and county surveyor, but he first commenced surveying for the government in Sanilac county, Michigan, in the year 1

THE COMMERCIAL.

Free to Do Right—To Do Wrong, Never.

SATURDAY, March 23, 1878.

The Conflict Still Wages.

The Boys Heroically Stick to their Pledge.

An Ounce of Experience is Worth a Ton of Theory.

Last Saturday night the hall was crowded as usual. The boys were unused to the platform, but "brevity is the soul of wit," and they got in some convincing arguments and telling truths. We remember, years ago, a man who had no more gift of speech than Gen. Grant during the war. His brief testimony, however oft repeated, "I know Jesus loves me, and I love Jesus," was tall preaching, and melted into conviction and penitence many a poor sinner's heart.

Frank C. Cropsey. A year ago the 20th of September last he signed the pledge, after a day's earnest consideration. He had formed so many resolutions that he feared to try again. He signed this time for good, had kept his pledge, and intended to keep it; exhorted young and old to tie on the red ribbon, and "we will drive the liquor traffic to the wall."

Henry Gage had kept the pledge now over a year, and was in for the war. A temperate life is a happy one. Just here some silly young ladies began to giggle, annoying him. He was equal to the occasion, and threw the audience into an uproar of laughter and applause. "If the girls who are laughing will come up here they will laugh out of the other side of their mouths." Gage urged to untiring vigilance and perseverance, and thus made it impossible for the saloon keepers to take out licenses this Spring.

Richard Miller was proud to proclaim to all that he had kept the pledge. Beware of a single nip. One drink cost him a continued debauch of nine months and \$100. He kept away from all enticements. He exhorted the boys to keep up their dues. One night's drink will pay the annual dues. Let us all, Red Ribbon men, Good Templars, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, rally to the grand charge and wipe the saloons out.

Frank Patten made a forcible appeal to every member of the Club to wear the red ribbon. Nothing can make a saloon keeper gladder than to see a well known reformed man without the ribbon. Last election day played the mischief with him. A lady asking his little boy where Pa was, and his telling her that he was "home in a bad fix" as a result of drink, went to his heart, and he resolved to stop, and has kept that sacred resolve. "Your children know your sins. Fathers, stop, and tie on the red ribbon for their sakes." His appeal to the moderate drinker was irresistible. "The drunkard is a standing warning to his children, and hence many a drunkard's child grows up temperate and abhoring drink, while the child of the moderate drinker goes down to a drunkard's doom."

Mrs. E. R. R. ANOTHER TESTIMONY.

Let it be remembered that the first thing to be done in reforming the drinking man is to get the whiskey out of him, and learn him to do without it; there is no room for any good till that is done; then attack the next vice, and so on, until he is filled with the grace of God, the work is then accomplished, and there will be no room for vice. This "card and billiard" war will at last prove that scripture "sin abounds" that grace should much more abound" and the worthless, useless practice could never have been shown up, so well to those who never had thought it wrong, as it now will be by impartial and thorough discussion. Also the relations of the church to vicious practices in their varied developments.

Mrs. D. C. K.

Local Matters.

The Irish World must be set down as one of the very first-class papers in this country. The publishers are enterprising, sagacious men. To them Ireland is the land of precious memories. The issue of March 2, is a magnificent number in commemoration of the "Centennial of the Irish Patriot, Robert Emmet." His bearing is given in a graphic life-sized picture, and his dying speech, monument, and other pictures portraying the struggles of Old Ireland for liberty. This number of the World would be cheap at \$1.00. Published at 263 Broadway, N. Y. Box 3624.

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I do not.

5. Do you regard the warfare of Mr. Chandler and the Detroit Post and Tribune upon Mr. Hayes as likely to conduce to the best interests of the party?

The Post and Tribune would be false to its position not to criticise these acts of Hayes.

6. Do you or do you not think that the best interests of the party would lie, in a solid union of the party under the lead of the president and the principles he has endeavored to put in practice?

Such a union would be hollow hearted and of no long duration. Mr. Hayes has not a single element of leadership.

7. Have you the same entire confidence in Mr. Hayes' ability and disinterestedness that you had a year ago?

I knew but little of his ability a year ago. If he ever had any remarkable ability, he has failed to develop it as president. The men who put him in nomination, Bill Howard and others, boasted of his qualifications, and like many other simple souls, I accepted their testimony. A little thought would have been a sufficient reminder that compromise candidates are invariably weak.

8. Do you favor government control of the telegraphs as is practised in most European countries?

Have not given the inquiry sufficient thought to be able to say yes or no.

The Voice of the People.

ED. COMMERCIAL.—Judging from the stand you have taken on temperance, and believing you conscientious in your views, I take the liberty to send these few lines, hoping all Christians may in the love and fear of God, dare to be true to our motto. "Dare to do right."

Last Sabbath, March 10, we had it said to us, "Sisters beware how you oppose those card rooms." Does she think we must foster, fondle and pet a nest of smaller serpents to keep clear of the old one? My dear sister, Christ teaches that we must "come out from among them and be separate and touch not the unclean thing." Now it is a self-evident truth that if we come down strictly on total abstinence in cards and all other demoralizing practices we are safe and in no other way. For a professed Christian woman to encourage these things is a shame to womanhood and the church. The false teachings we have received for the last year in my humble opinion, has done more to make infidels of the people than we are able to conceive. Who of us to-day are not eating the husks instead of the fatted calf? Our ministers have by silence and winking at these things given us the form of Godliness, but the power of Satan. Can we or they afford to lower the Christian standard in order to gain a temporary and questionable popularity? It has been done too much already. May God forgive us for the past, and help us hereafter to "walk in the light as he is the light."

Mrs. E. R. R.

ANOTHER TESTIMONY.

Let it be remembered that the first thing to be done in reforming the drinking man is to get the whiskey out of him, and learn him to do without it; there is no room for any good till that is done; then attack the next vice, and so on, until he is filled with the grace of God, the work is then accomplished, and there will be no room for vice. This "card and billiard" war will at last prove that scripture "sin abounds" that grace should much more abound" and the worthless, useless practice could never have been shown up, so well to those who never had thought it wrong, as it now will be by impartial and thorough discussion.

Charles Carr contrasted his present life with his past life. Now better health, better fed, better clothed, a merrier life, better and nobler friends. He had no sort of sympathy with the frequent remarks on this platform reflecting upon and abusing the churches. Christian men and women had taken him by the hand and spoken kind words. "The church members have helped us out in every respect," and he wanted "to thank them in this public manner." He exhorted to the banishment of evils connected with the club. He had avoided even the appearance of evil—even from drinking a glass of lemonade, lest some devil might lurk in it. He did not propose "to give the devil the least chance to throw him."

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THE CURSE OF AMERICANS IS IMPETUOSITY.—We cannot do anything moderately. We don't take time to eat or drink. When the season of social gatherings comes on in winter, we rush from one to another, night after night, until we become tired out and the system is run down. In summer we fly to the watering places and idle away our time in luxury. No wonder that we become "blaze" in middle life. Then we try medicines to recuperate, and often resort to unfortunate stimulation in the vain hope of wooing back our youthful energies. Every European sees this. As things are, the best remedy, when the physical powers begin to decline, is the PERUVIAN SYRUP, which has for many years been used in exactly this direction. It is the best tonic known to man and the least injurious. It restores wasting energies, strengthens the system against the insidious maladies which are induced by weakness, and builds up the system properly and effectively. Sold by dealers generally.

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What a truly beautiful world we live in! Nature gives us grandeur of mountains, glens and oceans, and thousands of means for enjoyment. We can desire no better when in perfect health; but how often do the majority of people feel life giving it up disheartened, discouraged and worried out with disease, when there is no occasion for this feeling, as every sufferer can easily obtain satisfactory treatment that Green's August Flower will make them free from disease as when born. Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint is the direct cause of seventy-five per cent of such maladies as Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick Headache, Costiveness, Nervous Prostration, Pizziness of the Head, Palpitation of the Heart, and other distressing symptoms. Three doses of August Flower will prove its wonderful effect. Sample bottles, 10 cents. Try it. For sale by all druggists.

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WORTH READING.

All sorts of lady fixings thrill my feelings, as they do, but little female garter-boots are death, and nothing shorter!

And just

Local Matters.

SATURDAY, March 23, 1878.

—It is a real curiosity to watch the actions and hear the remarks and speeches of a few office-seekers in this city just now, most especially when they imagine they have the ears of a red ribbon man or crowd. Simple souls they take their hearers to be idiots, and imagine that their ulterior purpose is concealed. When a man suddenly looms up as a wonderful friend of the red ribbon boys, out-herding Herod in his professions, he will bear watching. Your true friends boys are they who stand by you and yet have the moral courage to tell you the whole truth.

SALINE CORRESPONDENCE.—D. S. Hallock was in town Wednesday last, visiting his friends. About \$70 was realized from the donation held at the M. E. parsonage on Tuesday evening, March 19th. The Masonic fraternity presented Bro. Whitmore a nice pair of gold spectacles. Next Thursday eve., March 28, the Saline Dramatic Club will give the last play of the season, entitled, "Above the Clouds." This will undoubtedly be the best of all. Rev. J. V. Hickmott delivered a lecture Tuesday eve., entitled, "The Catacombs at Rome," for the benefit of the Presbyterian society.

—Notice the call for the republican causes and convention. Attend the causes and see to it that a first-class ticket and one that can be elected is selected. It is folly to nominate any man no matter how bad he wants an office whom you have good reason to believe is obnoxious to many voters and will be slaughtered. Look well to the aldermanic ticket and see that stable, business men, men you are willing should handle your individual money, honest men who pay their debts and manage well their own affairs are nominated. Party triumph is not so essential as that good men should be elected to office.

—Our readers will see next week an advertisement of James D. McCabe's pictorial history of the world. Having examined the work we must say it is the completest, finely written, and entertaining history we have ever read. It is worth a year's schooling in the best college in the land to any youth thoroughly reading it, aiming to get knowledge. The National Publishing Co., at Philadelphia, Chicago, etc., say that their agents must have only one price, and that the published price, under forfeiture of their appointments. Only sold by subscription. H. L. Pearsall, of this city, is agent for this county and also of the Pictorial Bible.

—The people represented by the Commercial are but a faction, with whose scruples the club and its friends have no desire to interfere.—*Sentinel*.

Well, suppose they are "but a faction." So were Luther and his friends "but a faction." So were Washington and his heroes. One with God is a majority. But the *Sentinel's* statement is untrue. The large majority of the people are with the Commercial. We are credibly informed that the president of the reform club says, that if the question of retaining the card room, etc., in connection with the club room was put to a vote, that it would be hard to find over five or six reformed drinking men who would vote in favor of their retention. As we have stated all along it is not the genuine reformers, but outside busy bodies and intermeddlers, who have had axes to grind, that favored their introduction and are their most noisy defenders now.

—We have just received Nos. 61, 62, 63 and 64, the last installment of Zell's popular *Encyclopedias*. As we have often said, for completeness, and fullness of information, it is not excelled by any publication of the kind. It surpasses any other that has come to our notice. It is voluminous, richly illustrated. It traverses every field of research. It gives the young student a condensed and comprehensive idea of every part of the world's surface, peoples' languages, ideas, savage and civilized, inventions and sciences, religions, politics, renowned men and women, geography and biography. New and revised edition, published by Baker, Davis & Co., Philadelphia. Gen. Clark, at Kalamazoo, is agent for this state. It comes at 50 cents a number, worth a dollar. It is invaluable in every family who wish to be learned and keep up with the world's progress.

—The musical union are practicing two Cantatas, and with the assistance of Chas. H. Thompson of Toledo, Ohio, the favorite tenor and as good a soprano, will give a concert April 5th. "On Shore and Sea," is a beautiful Cantata by Arthur Sullivan, a prominent English author, it represents a ship leaving port near Genoa during the sixteenth century, and during its voyage is taken by roving Moors. The music is finely arranged to give the sentiment to words like these:

"Put there is comfort, brother, in life, and in death, Hold to Christian manhood, firm in Christian faith. Faithful hearts make fearless hands, and faithful hearts have we, The Christian against the infidel, chained though we be."

—By Babylon's wave," a grand and beautiful arrangement of the CXXXVII Psalm by Chas. Gounod. The Union have excelled in sacred music heretofore and this cannot fail to make an excellent concert.

—The trial pending between Mrs. Henry Mack and Marvel G. Haight, before Justice McKinney, came off on the 5th at the school house in Dist. No. 1. Hon. E. P. Allen of Ypsilanti, appearing for the plaintiff, and Hon. Henry Palmer of London, for the defendant. The case was decided in favor of the plaintiff; the defendant paying the amount of damages claimed and proven, with costs, amounting in the aggregate to \$12.26.—*London correspondence of the Monroe Commercial*.

—Regular meeting of the Ypsilanti Reform Club, Friday evening, March 15: Meeting called to order by the president. Roll call of officers read—absent, Bros. Vaughn, Worden, Robbins and Bovis. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Applications for membership, none. Finance committee reported favorably on the bills of the following persons: Light Guard, John W. Wise, J. W. Spoor, Gas Light Co., L. S. Davis and J. H. Manzing; and recommended their payment. Moved by Bro. Fraser that orders be drawn for the several amounts. Carried. Unfinished business, none. Financial secretary's report read, accepted and placed on file. Bill of Mr. Babcock referred to finance committee. Bill of John W. Wise and Frank A. Myers orders were recommended to be drawn for amounts, which was done. Moved by Bro. Bovis and supported that we have a dance on Friday evening next. Carried. Moved by Bro. Bovis and supported that we charge 75 cents instead of 50 for admission to dance. Lost. Moved by Bro. Post and supported that we postpone the dance until after Lent. Carried. Adjourned to next Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

IN THE WRONG PEW.—A couple of weeks since a young man from Stony Creek, a sleek, sanctified looking specimen, inquired of a stranger in the city, whereabouts the Democratic office was? Ignorantly he pointed out this office. So the Stony Creek, sleek looking, smooth-tongued fellow, primed with venom called upon us. What's the news? we asked. Reply, a good deal of excitement at Stony Creek over a plagiarized sermon by Prof. Estabrook. By the by, said he, how does Prof. Estabrook stand in this community? Reply. Tested by a quarter of a century his good name stands above par—it is gold sir. "Why, have you not written and said some things derogatory of him?" "Never sir." Just then we began "to smell a rat." This is the very scapgegrace who sent to a county paper, the mean, dirty, and slanderous attack upon Prof. E. So we opened on him, saying, "the scamp who penned that slander, must be one of the meanest, lowest lived specimens of humanity in all that region, an enemy of religion, of the church of God, and more, an imp of the devil who wanted to injure the good cause and roll back revival influences, drag souls down to hell, and took this means to effect his object." This tool of satan reddened in the face, haw'd and hem'd, slowly walking out, his face bursting with amazement, as much as to say "I am in the wrong pew." All at once he was in a blazing hurry, and down and out of the office he went on the double-quick. Whether he went to the other office we have not ascertained. If he did in this particular, he probably fared no better than at this end of the line.

—The following rules should be strictly observed by persons having occasion to visit a printing office:

- Enter softly.
- Sit down quietly.
- Never beg a paper.
- Don't touch the type.
- Hands off manuscript.
- Subscribe for the paper.
- Don't carry off exchanges.
- Keep six feet from the devil.
- Don't talk to the compositors.
- Say what you please to the editor.

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The Washtenaw County Agricultural Society met at the Sheriff's office yesterday to appoint judges and arrange premiums for the Fair.

Major Hopkins, chairman of the Republican State Committee, and Geo. M. Ches-

ter, of the Detroit *Free Press*, were in this city on Monday.

A choir composed of thirty children will furnish music for the Red Ribbon anniversary celebration next week. Mrs. Tyler, of Charles Martin, of Ypsilanti, who was to have been examined before Justice McMahon, on Saturday on a charge of assault and battery failed to put in an appearance and thereby forfeited his bail. Anson Besimer was his bondsman.

COURT COURT.—People vs. John Meyer; perjury, continued on motion of defendant; bail resisted.....People vs. Geo. Cook manslaughter; bail renewed.....People vs. Cornelius Green and Elmer Havelin; information for burglary read; pleaded guilty.....People vs. Wm. Henderson; pleaded not guilty.....Frank Emerick appointed attorney for defendant.....French, information for arson; arraigned and pleaded not guilty.....People vs. Thomas Baines information for larceny; arranged and pleaded not guilty.....Charles D. Coleman vs. Charles Thayer; judgement for \$510 with interest and costs on report of referee.

A decision was rendered on Monday in the Kettner will case, to which we have alluded several times. Mrs. Haupt, with whom John Kettner lived, but to whom he was never married, claimed an allowance from his estate which was contested. The case has attracted a good deal of attention. She had lived with Mr. Kettner as his wife for five years, and claimed that she was recognized by him as such, and was in effect married to him. About sixty witnesses were examined to show the relations which existed between the two, and the case was concluded last Wednesday. Judge Harriman rendered his decision on Monday, deciding that she was not Kettner's wife, and that her claim for an allowance was therefore not good.

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The county poor house gave shelter to forty-eight tramps last Sunday.

Visiting clubs will be provided with free meals during the anniversary of the red ribbon club.

Jerry was robbed of a gold watch and chain and some money while on a little "bum" Saturday.

The old song should be changed to "tramp, tramp, the dead-beats are marching, with their cry for cold vitals and old clothes."

Mrs. J. Berry has caused the arrest of John Raisch, under the statute, for selling liquor to her husband after being forbidden by her.

The University hospital will be kept open during vacation. This will enable many who desire to avail themselves of the free professional services an opportunity so to do.

It is stated that the notorious John Beagan will soon return to this city. Johnny used to enter the saloons and clear out all of the occupants. If he travels on his mission now as much as formerly look out for him.

Last Saturday night, when nearly home, Fred Staebler was attacked by two men, who, after beating him, proceeded to gag him with a hankie. His cries brought some of the family to the door when the would be robbers took to their heels and escaped.

The anniversary of the Ann Arbor Reform Club, which will be held in Hill's Opera House, commencing on Wednesday evening, March 27th, and to be prolonged until April 1st, promises to be one of the most interesting ever witnessed in this city.

A man representing himself as Dr. Jas. K. V. Fox, from Bangor of this State, has been deadbeating his way around the medical college, for several weeks attending lectures, yet without having matriculated, until one evening he borrowed some money of one of the students promising to pay the next morning. Instead of doing as he agreed, he left town the next morning, Friday Feb. 8th, leaving unpaid his room rent and board bill, but promising the people with whom he had roomed to come back Monday or Tuesday of the next week. He left in his room a few books, and a small hand trunk. Instead of doing as he promised he remained away until Tuesday evening, March 5th, at which time he returned, and gaining access to his room remained there until he could escape unseen, sometime in the night, taking with him his things, and leaving his room rent, board and borrowed money unpaid.

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The calendar for the March term of the Circuit Court to open on Tuesday next is not a very heavy affair. The cases noticed may be classified as follows: Criminal, 13; issues of fact, 26; impancance, 2; chancery—1st class, 12; 2d class, 1; 3d class, 1; 4th class, 7. Total, 62.

ITEMS FROM THE ANN ARBOR "REGISTER."—C. R. Whitman, of Ypsilanti, will address the Red Ribbon club, on Sunday next.

The Washtenaw County Agricultural Society met at the Sheriff's office yesterday to appoint judges and arrange premiums for the Fair.

Major Hopkins, chairman of the Republican State Committee, and Geo. M. Ches-

REMOVAL!

MRS. G. N. NOYES has removed her new Hair Rooms over Mr. VanTuy's drug store, where she will be pleased to see her customers, old and new. A full line of Hair Goods kept on hand, and work warented. Linen Braids and Nun's Thread for making old point and honiton laces. 729-733

"I TOLD YOU SO."

The Silver Dollar knocks down prices, and still Frank Smith smiles as he exchanges those ten thousand and rolls of NEW WALL PAPER for the shiners. See his advertisement, this week, and the proof of its truth by looking over his stock. 730

DISSOLUTION.

The copartnership formerly existing under the firm name of Weeks & Lawrence is this day dissolved by mutual consent. H. A. Weeks, in whose name the business will be continued, will pay all bills and collect the accounts of the old firm.

H. A. WEEKS.

J. E. LAWRENCE.

I am anxious to settle the book accounts of the old firm. Will you please call and oblige.

H. A. WEEKS.

THE "DOLLAR OF OUR DADDIES"

Is making things jingle. Frank Smith has been marking down his goods and still will take a few bushels of the shins in exchange and smile. 730

A GOOD CHANCE

To invest your money, and now is the time for an enterprising young man to make some money. Three and one-half acres inside the city corporation; only \$200.00 down, and balance in small annual payments. Apply at the COMMERCIAL Office.

O, WEALTH of woman—wonderful!

The most beautiful crown to deck the head of a woman, is a profusion of long, dark, glossy hair. The production of such hair is wonderfully facilitated by the cleansing and stimulating properties of Ring's Vegetable Ambrosia, which is finding its way to the toilet cases of all American ladies. 731-732

FRANK SMITH

Has published something (but I believe not in this paper) that he will receive (if offered) a few bushels of silver dollars on account. 730

WATCH, CLOCK, and JEWELRY REPAIRER and CLEANER.

Satisfaction guaranteed. At A. H. Haskin's bakery, at the Depot. JOHN BIDDLE. 729

HAVE YOU GOT

Rheumatism, Ague, Neuralgia, Liver Complaint or are you Bilious and Blood out of order? If yes, Murr's PILULES will fix you every time, or money refunded. 50 cents per box—50 large pills. A sure cure for chills. Sold only by FRED. F. INGRAM, Opposite Depot. 728-729

SATURDAY MORNING'S COMMERCIAL.

YPSILANTI, MARCH 23, 1878.

This is the Reform song of the Democracy:

"Old boys carry me long,
Carry me till I die,
Carry me up to the public crib,
But don't you carry me by!"

It should not be forgotten that somebody at Gramercy Park used the telegraph freely to purchase a Republican elector in Oregon. The man or the party who attempts but fails to accomplish fraud is not in a position to hurl the charge at others.

Claims amounting to millions of dollars are presented by about 25,000 ex-rebels, asking for indemnification for damages sustained by their property during the war. We thought there was not going to be any of this sort of thing. The Democrats made that assurance in the last campaign. But Democrats are presenting these claims and urging their payment.

The Atlanta Constitution reiterates the assertion that the South is full of just such traitors as Jeff Davis, and declares that Northern editors ought to know that whoever sympathized with the Southern cause is just as much a traitor as the ex-President of the Confederacy. There is no difference, then, between the man who renews his allegiance to the government and the man who defies and sneers at the government? We thought there was. If there is not, and if Jeff Davis is still the model in the Southern States, there must necessarily be a good many traitors in that region.

The President has tipped the fat all in the fire by vetoing the bill sent him to secure to the timber thieves immunity from punishment. What he has gained through twelve weary months of "conciliation" and by returning Republicans out of office to put in Democrats, he has lost in one short hour by refusing to extend to this class of public plunderers, the same grace that saved thousands of political murderers in the South from the gallows which the enormity of their crimes had richly merited. Conciliated "erring brothers" are as a rule of the kind that havn't a word of commendation for the ninety and nine favors rendered, if the hundredth is denied. The abuse is just as rank, the ingratitude just as outspoken as though they had each and all been refused.

REBEL HATE.

A TOUCHING PRAYER TO CONGRESS—PETITION OF EIGHT WOMEN FOR A PLACE ON THE PENSION ROLLS.

A petition is now before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, as follows:

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America:

The undersigned petitioners—Eliza Shelton, Nancy Shelton, Cerena Metcalf, Nancy King, Patsy J. Shelton, Cerena Metcalf, Clea Shelton, Nancy King, Mary Franklin—respectfully represent to your honorable body that their late husbands—to wit: Roderick Shelton, David Shelton, James Metcalf, Ellison King, James Shelton, David Metcalf, William Shelton and Russell B. Franklin—were ever loyal to the Government of the United States, and that in the early part of the rebellion they enlisted and were sworn into the service of the United States by Col. Fry, of the First Tennessee Cavalry; but there being at that time no opportunity of getting through to the Federal lines, which were then in the State of Kentucky, every gap and passway being guarded by Confederate troops, and the whole country filled with Confederate scouts and guerrillas, and they being a distance of at least 300 miles from the Union army, they at once organized themselves, with others, into a company at Laurel, Madison county, N. C., for the protection of themselves and other Union men, and to assist escaped Union officers and soldiers from rebel prisons. This organization soon became known to the prisoners of the three noted prisons of the South, to wit: Saubury, Columbia and Andersonville, and when an officer or soldier made his escape from one of those prison pens he at once made his way to Laurel, N. C., knowing that he would find protection and a home among friends until he could succeed in reaching the Federal lines.

Your petitioners further represent that they divided what they had to the last morsel, depriving their own children in many instances, of their limited means of support, and bestowed sustenance upon escaped Union prisoners. To these facts hundreds of living Union officers and soldiers can testify.

Your petitioners further represent to your honorable body that the organization soon became known to the Confederate authorities, and all their vengeance and wrath was directed against this place to crush out the Union sentiment, and to break up this harbor for escaped Federal officers, soldiers, and Union men endeavoring to get to the Federal lines. The Confederates sent battalion after battalion and regiment after regiment into this separate section of country, not numbering more than 100 voters, in order to annihilate this organization, and crush out the Union sentiment, but all in vain.

Your petitioners' husbands would fight them to the very last, overpowered, they fell back into the cliffs and dens of the mountains, and would there await some opportunity of falling on some weak point of the Confederates and then harass them until they were forced to retreat and leave them in possession of their little section of country. This mode of warfare continued until the latter part of 1862,

when, finding it impossible to conquer this section and make them forsake their love of the Union and the principles of the general government, the Confederate authorities offered a general amnesty to all who would come in and take an oath to support the so-called Confederate States of America. This proposition was spurned with contempt by your petitioners' husbands, and they remained steadfast in their allegiance to the Federal Government when, on January 19, 1863, one of the most dark, bloody and heinous crimes that ever blackened the annals of civilization was inflicted upon your petitioners' husbands and those associated with them. Upon that day the Confederates moved in force upon Laurel, from various points in North Carolina and Tennessee, with orders to spare neither life nor property, but to kill old and young especially little boys using their own expression, "Pigs will

issue in 1861, by Reagan himself, as Postmaster General of the Confederacy, ordering the seizure of United States mail bags, &c.

This was a hard hit, but proved to be a mere love tap, compared to the blows then dealt to Reagan by Willits, who followed. He had given up yesterday to a careful examination of a volume of the Confederate statutes, which he found in the Law Library, and to a trunk full of dusty records and reports of the Confederate Postal Department which he had found in the rebel archives. He replied to Reagan's assertions, already quoted, by revealing a mass of documents which astonished the House and astonished Reagan and his fellow-Democrats.

The effect upon the house can be inferred when it is stated that he read the Confederate statutes, wherein the Rebel Government formally assumed to pay these contractors all the sums due them from the United States, and appropriated \$800,000 for this purpose.

A series of printed reports by Reagan showing that of the \$800,000 appropriated he had paid out at least \$64,000 to these very men, and had vouchers for individual payments under this appropriation.

A report of the Auditor of the rebel Postal Department, dated October 1, 1862, showing that 1,133 just claims were filed amounting to \$775,000, and number of other documents showing that Mr. Reagan's assertion was utterly contradicted by all the facts.

The act assuming the United States liabilities to these men was dated September 27, 1862, and closed as follows:

"Provided, that the provisions of this act shall only extend to loyal citizens of the Confederate States."

He read also the following, a blank issued under Reagan's order, as a receipt for this class of disbursements:

"AUDITOR'S OFFICE, POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

"Whereas, The Confederate States Government has this day paid the undersigned contractor on route number —, the sum of — dollars for postal services rendered prior to June, 1861, on said route. Now, in consideration thereof, if it should at any time appear that any portion of said service has been paid for, or that any provision for payment thereof has been made by the United States, then I hereby agree to pay the Confederate States whatever sum has been paid or provided for."

Willits' time expired before he had read all of his documents or presented half his facts, but he had thrown a bombshell of such dimensions into the Confederate camp that the enemy were so badly demoralized that they were not ready to reply to him, and an attempt was made to adjourn.

The Republicans resisted it successfully, and on the other hand attempted to extend the time for debate, so that Willits might conclude his speech.

In the confusion that followed there was a consultation of Democrats, and their forces were gathered under the leadership of Tucker, Blackburn and Waddell, so that they were able to prevent any extension of time.

The Republicans submitted quietly, and Mr. Reagan got the floor. A crowd gathered around him, and every word he uttered was listened to with silence that was painful. He was considerably agitated, but maintained himself with dignity and continued to command, as he has always done, the respect of the House. His remarks were made with candor and with no attempt at defense, except so far as to say that it was nearly eighteen years since the transaction took place, and as he had not thought of or examined into the matter since he must excuse himself and his defective memory, and in closing his remarks, which lasted less than five minutes, he suggested that the committee might examine into these matters, and the bill amended so as to exclude the payment of those who had received anything from the Confederate Government.

As he sat down there was a breath of relief, and for a moment silence, so that Price, of Iowa, who was in the chair, attempted to put the question on the passage of the bill, but it was interrupted by Blount, of Georgia, who talked ten minutes, without saying much, and his remarks were effective only as a sedative upon the rest of the body.

Mr. Cox, of Ohio, followed Blount, giving Reagan a good character, and stated that on the Republican side of the House, there was no feeling except that of sympathy for him, and that none of them believed that he intended to mislead the House.

This speech of Mr. Cox's rather gave the rebels' courage, and Randolph Tucker arose to defend the honor of the Confederacy. He said: "These documents the gentleman had paraded had been captured by a conqueror, and had been concealed by that conqueror for more than thirteen years.

Conger interrupted to ask if Tucker intended to impeach their authenticity, and this gave Tucker an opportunity to defend the honor of the South, which he said had been attacked. The motives of the gentleman from Texas, and those who had this resolution in charge, had been assailed, and he grew very warm in what he called a vindication of them. He demanded an investigation of the matter. He demanded that the Secretary of War should surrender these documents Willits had referred to, and made several other demands in the direction of vindication, concluding with a motion that the committee of the whole, in which the proceedings had been going on, rise.

The Republicans demanded an opportunity to be heard in reply to Tucker, and there was considerable excitement and an exchange of compliments that was not audible to the Reporter's Gallery.

Finally the committee rose, and the Democrats, without allowing any further debate, had the resolution referred back to the Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads.

By his ten minutes' speech to-day Willits has succeeded in making himself a National reputation, and has saved the Government several hundred thousand dollars. It is the most serious back-set the rebel war claims have yet received, and effectually disposes of them for this session.

Here is a proverb from Servia, which expresses unanimous conviction. "One never feels three hundred blows on another man's back."

Farming in Michigan.

Hon. E. O. Humphrey, President of the State Agricultural Society, in his annual address gave facts and figures which are worth repeating. Speaking of Michigan he said:

"No other soils in the history of the world have been found with so vast a preparation to supply the wants of man. It affords every variety of crops which flourish in the Temperate Zone. There is no state that surpasses it in the production of grain, for fruit it would seem that this is the chosen land above all others, and as for pasture and hay, I believe it can compete with any other country. Other states may produce more as a whole, but let it be remembered that the greater portion of our state is yet under the shade of the forest, and it may also be remembered that our forests are valuable beyond estimate, besides the almost inexhaustible beds of gypsum, coal, iron, silver and salt, are great sources of wealth to our state. The record of the statistics of the Northwestern states, including Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan, as reported by the United States Commissioner of Agriculture, shows the following facts and figures: The average cash value of all products per acre for five successive years, 1871 to 1875 inclusive: Michigan, \$17.19; Wisconsin, \$13.80; Illinois, \$11.12; Kansas, \$10.48; Nebraska, \$8.56; Minnesota, \$11.95; Iowa, \$9.47. These figures give Michigan \$3.89 above the highest of the other states, and \$6.30 above an average for the five years. In 1876 the average cash value of all principal crops raised in Michigan per acre was \$14.46. Average of 22 other states in the west and south, excepting the Pacific states, was \$9.61. Ohio ranked next to Michigan, which was \$1.50 per acre less. The rest were all still lower, some of them ranging as low as \$6 to \$7 per acre. It will be seen that the average of other states is less than two-thirds as much as Michigan. The statistics also show that better prices are obtained in Michigan for all kinds of products than any western state, including Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. This evidence shows that Michigan surpasses them all in value of products. As for mildness of climate there is no other northwestern state that compares with it. And as for an

EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM,

Michigan stands pre-eminent. To show with what respect and esteem our system is regarded by others, I will give few sentences of an address delivered by Mr. Maris, president of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association. He says: "In America the best system of schools is to be found in Michigan and Massachusetts. In the former State the ideas advanced in the colonial days of the latter have been more fully developed. Though the University of Michigan has been in existence but a little over a quarter of a century, it takes rank among the foremost of the land, and by its influence upon the Union schools throughout the State, it has elevated them in all their grades, until now the State of Michigan can justly boast of a system of schools unequalled in the United States."

Mr. Maris further says: "Michigan fills an important place among the younger States of our sisterhood of republics, but there is no higher gem in her coronet than the large liberality she displayed towards her sons of toil. In Michigan, as in no other State in the union, is the free school system carried out in its fullness. Her public schools are open to all her children, and in the greatness of her soul she opens the doors of her noble University to students from all parts of the Union, regardless of sex, color or condition."

What land is there under the sun which presents such advantages, such progressive and civilizing influences? What land is there that offers such inducements to the men of the east, or young men of our own State who contemplate going west or making a change to better their condition? Michigan has millions of acres yet uncultivated susceptible of the highest state of cultivation, and a large portion of it covered with the most valuable of timbers not obtainable in the States farther west.

NORTHERN MICHIGAN.

The correspondent of the Detroit Post, in his closing report of the Michigan State fair for 1877, has the following:

The upper counties of Michigan are not properly appreciated by the people of the lower peninsula, who seem to have an idea that they are in a semi-barbaric state, with nothing but wild wildernesses of pine, relieved by an occasional cheerless clearing upon which the stumps are thicker than house flies in July. The fact is, there is no better country in the United States than that of Oceana, Mason, Wexford and the neighboring counties of this State. The climate is even and delightful, the soil rich and fruitful, and in the absence of low lands there is perfect exemption from the malarious diseases which depopulate many new settlements.

"Why," said Mr. Sessions, a prominent farmer and fruit-grower of Oceana county, as he stood beside his tempting array in Pomological hall this morning, "you people down here don't begin to know what a glorious country we have got up north. You think it a cold, bleak, barren, unproductive region; but I want you to understand that it is a very paradise for farmers. I was born and brought up in old Washenaw, one of the richest farming counties in this part of the State, and I feel a natural affection for her, but still I would not go back there to live."

"But the soil isn't as rich?" remarked a bystander.

"That's just where you are mistaken," continued Mr. Sessions. "There is no end of rich, stony, sandy soil, and any farmer knows how productive that is. Why I had never sowed wheat down here except with a drill, but when I went north I thought I must rough it, and starting out with a bag over my shoulder I sowed by hand. Well, I put in 16 bushels on 14 acres, and then fearing that this was insufficient, I waited the result with dismay. What was my surprise, therefore, when I harvested 325 bushels of No. 1 wheat from that same field."

"And how about fruit culture?" was the inquiry.

"It is constantly improving," was the reply. "Here are specimens of

peaches, plums, apples and grapes from our section. The plums have received first premium, and the other specimens are not surpassed by any in this hall. The fertility of the soil and the climatic influences are all in our favor, and the upper counties are rapidly taking a place in the front rank as fruit producers. Farm and garden products all find a ready and rapidly increasing market. The grain traffic is already assuming large proportions. There is no better place in the world for a poor man. He can always find employment, or instead of toiling his life away for others he can soon gain a cheap home for himself, become a producer as well as a consumer and secure a condition of independence."

This gentleman's assertions are evidently not exaggerated. Upon the contrary they are fully substantiated by Prof. Beal, of the State Agricultural College, and other experienced gentlemen who have personally investigated the matter for themselves. It is evident that there is no necessity for people to seek homes in Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska, allured by the glowing statements of railroad companies interested in the sale of lands, when they can secure better and cheaper homes, in a more productive and healthful region, right here with in the limits of our own Peninsular State.

HOWGATE'S PROJECT.

THE GIGANTIC FORCES AT THE POLE WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO STUDY—THE EXPEDITION GENERALLY APPROVED.

Committees of both houses of Congress have made reports favoring in the most decided manner Captain H. W. Howgate's plans for a scientific and exploring expedition to the Arctic regions; and a bill appropriating the sum of money necessary to put the scheme into operation has been passed. The general character of the project has been widely published, and no opposition to it has yet been developed in any quarter. On the contrary, scientists of every school, and many practical business men of prominence, have given the matter their heartiest commendation.

One of nature's largest workshops is near the pole, and no doubt a strong motive which inspires the promoters of this measure is found in the insatiable curiosity which would penetrate even there to take knowledge of the phenomena which attend the origin or extinction of those currents of air and water, of magnetism, electricity and auroral light which radiate from or flow toward that region. But the age is too practical, and the people are too poor, to warrant the appropriation of money merely to satisfy a curiosity which is not shared by the masses. Nor would the possible addition of territory north of the Arctic circle, even the glory of flying the stars and stripes at the pole itself, serve to tempt the dollars from our national coffers, if the project was unconnected with promises of great material benefits to the people.

Captain Howgate has been connected with the Signal Service Bureau since its creation, and is thoroughly identified with its management and its success. The chief work of this bureau, it is well known, is to display danger signals along the sea and lake coasts, warning vessels of approaching storms and to publish its daily weather reports and predictions. Meteorology, upon which this work is based, is the youngest and perhaps the least developed of the natural sciences, and the degree of accuracy which the bureau, by a few years' experience, has attained in its predictions is rather an evidence of the possibilities than of any excellence of present attainments in this direction. None know better than the officers of the United States Bureau how much remains to be learned before meteorology can be classed among the exact sciences. Of this science an experienced German student and explorer writes that the conditions in the neighborhood of the frigid Polar Zones are important. The general movements of the atmosphere arise from the exchange of cold and warm, dry and humid air, between the poles and the equator. How enormous must be the influence of the huge masses of polar ice upon the distribution of the earth's heat is obvious. Greenland and Iceland afford proofs how the movements of ice, driven by winds and oceanic currents, may affect the climate of a country, but our knowledge of these movements is very defective. Now it is possible that the ice of the Polar Zones may be the cause of our own climatic conditions, the origin of many of the furious storms which sweep destructively along our coasts and over our land. It is probably not saying too much, adds the same authority, when we assert that the Polar regions are the most important portions of our globe for the study of the natural sciences. The extreme conditions under which the forces of nature act in the vicinity of the Poles produce phenomena which offer us the best means of investigating the nature of the forces themselves. As in meteorology, so also, in terrestrial magnetism and electricity, these have to do with forces of the most tremendous magnitude often exhibited in destructive energy, but never yet subdued to the service of man. So, too, if it is desired to investigate the ocean currents, and the laws of the tides upon which depend the safety and success of ocean commerce, influences are found centering in the North which must be traced to their source. Probably there is not one of the laws which govern the elements in their movements, a better knowledge of which will not result in material benefit to the race in cheapening the means of supporting life, in increasing the sources of human happiness, or in averting the perils to which we are now subject.

Captain Howgate does not claim to be the originator of the colonization plan of research. It has been advocated by a number of experienced Northern navigators as the safest and therefore the most promising for success which could be adopted. The plan is that the adventurers shall simply push as far north as they can with safety, build themselves homes, and wait a favorable opportunity to go further on and build other homes. Life in these regions may be made safe and even enjoyable, while the dangers will be reduced to a minimum.

Somebody's Mother.

The woman was old and ragged and gray,
And bent with the chill of the winter's day;
The street was wet with a recent snow,
And the woman's feet were aged and slow.
She stood at the crossing, and waited long,
Alone, unaided, for, amid the throng
Of human beings who passed her by.
Not heeding the glance of her anxious eye.
Down the street with laughter and shout,
Glad in the freedom of "school let out,"
Came the boys, like a flock of sheep,
Hailing the snow piled white and deep.
Past the woman so old and gray
Hastened the children on their way,
Nor offered a helping hand to her,
So weak, so timid, afraid to stir.
Lest the carriage wheels or the horses' feet
Should crowd her down in the slippery street.
At last came out of the merry troop—
The gayest laddie of the old group;
He paused beside her and whispered low,
"I'll help you across if you wish to go."
Her aged hand on his strong young arm
She placed, and so, without hurt or harm,
He guided the trembling feet along,
Proud that his own were firm and strong.
Then back again to his friends he went,
His young heart happy and well content.
"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,
For all she's aged and poor and slow;
And I hope some fellow will lend a hand
To help my mother, you understand,
If ever she's poor and old and gray,
When her own dear boy is far away."
And "somebody's mother" bowed low her head
In her home that night, and the prayer she said
Was, "God be kind to the noble boy,
Who is somebody's son and pride and joy."

—Harper's Weekly.

AN OLD SAILOR'S YARN.

"There's a heap of good religion, sir, in seafarin' men," said the Old Sailor the other day, as he sat sipping his third glass of hot rum, "although it's somethin' they aint often accused of. I don't mean to say but what they'll cuss dreadful; but that are in the line of their perfusion, and can't be got along without. I have seen one or two as pretended not to swear, but they was generally poor sailors, and even they always had some bastard way of givin' vent to their feelings which, to my eye, were jiss as bad as cussin' and not near so honest. Seafarin' cussin', sir, are mere lip service; it don't mean nothin', and aint reckoned up agin' 'em a morsel.

"As for honesty, except it's grog, or terbacker, or dunnage, a sailor can be trusted not to steal—that is, the general run of 'em. I don't mean to say that there aint dishonest sailors, just the same as there is dishonest folks as lives ashore; but, savin' and exceptin' the artios which I spoke of, the great bulk of 'em can be trusted, and these here things bein' the necessities of life which they are eternally short of, they are of course excusable for mittenin' on to 'em whenever they has a chance.

"Then as to lyin', except in the matter of yarin'—which never shouldn't ought to deceive nobody—ever heerd tell of a sailorman that didn't at all times tell the truth? 'Tis true they don't like to have a Holy Joe aboard of a ship, but they aint got no objections to him in his proper place ashore, and go where you will, even if he aint got a ounce of terbacker in his chist, a good sailorman will always have a Bible. They don't read 'em, I know; some of 'em can't and others don't want to; but they've got 'em, sure, and wouldn't be so irreligious as to go to sea without 'em. I have been shipmates with one or two men in my experience as read 'em as well as had 'em, but they was never thought a great deal of, and was generally considered to be a little short-weighted—not quite sixteen ounces to the pound, you know.

"I wont deny though as I have seen a time once when, only but for a Bible which were in his pocket, a chap as I were with would have lost the number of his mess, and would never more had any use for the key of his chist. Leastwise, that's my opinion; likewise it were the opinion of most of the chaps aboard of that ship, though there was some irreverend chaps as said that the Bible didn't make a ha'porth of difference.

"Here's the way it were—if you'll let him fill mine up again with more rum, less water, and the same amount of sugar as the last. I were coming from Liverpool in the John R. Skiddy along in the month of August, 1848, if I don't misremember, bein' twenty of us all told fo'cas', I, bein' in the starboard watch, which likewise there were in a chap by the name of Griffith, which when not eatin' nor sleepin' were either in the galley playin' checkers with the cook or else sittin' on his chist a readin' of the Bible.

"Havin' dreadful fine weather all the way until about the longitude of 44 degrees, when one day just after noon, it breasted from the south'ard, haulin' gradual to sou'west as it increased, and by eight bells bringin' us down to close-reef'd fore and mizzen and double-reefed maintopsail, the mainstays stowed and the foresail reefed.

"After a lovely game with the cook in the last dog-watch, this here Griffith comes for'ard, fills up and lights his pipe and takes a spell at his Bible. About seven bells, the gale still increasin' and the sea gettin' up to a most tremendous height, our side was called out for to close-reef the maintopsail, and his chist bein' locked at the time, this here Griffith bein' a good sailorman, as liked to be fast at everythin', rams his pipe in one pocket of his pea-jacket, and the Bible in the other, and jumps out, gettin' by his quickness a shy at the lee earin' of the maintopsail. "We had just lighted out to wind'ard, and the word were passed for to haul out to leeward, when she tripped onto the top of a sea and rolled down nigh on her beam ends. Afore he could recover herself the curl of the next wave swept completely over her, playin' the very mischief. One of the quarter-boats, which was stowed onto a gallows-frame for'ard of the poop, was took from its lashin's and carried bodily overboard. The mate and three or four stowaways was also took over; the bulwarks was stove, and everythin' about the decks smashed up generally. This here Griffith, on the lee topsail yard-arm, had just laid back onto the earin' when the lurch come, and the earin' partin', over he went head over heels, flyin' away to leeward in the hard gale as if he had been a feather.

"There were a chap of the name of Shepard at the 'dog's ear,' and I were next to him. Us two was the only

ones that seen him go, and we both felt bad that we couldn't git in off the yard and lay down to git the fast whack at his chist, he bein' know'd for to have a good lot of dunnage. We kep' shady, hows'ever, and just passed in the word for a new earin', which gettin', Shepard shifted outside of the lift and I took the 'dogs ear,' and we soon had the earin' passed and laid down.

Things on deck was all at sixes and sevens with the damage by the sea, and me and Shepard know'd we wouldn't be missed, and just puts for'ard and made a fair divvy of Griffith's dunnage, stowin' it away under our bunks and hurryin' aft for to lend a hand for to git things to rights.

"It bein' one of them reglar howlers, the old man, knowin' it wouldn't last long, just weared her round with her head to the suth'ard, furled the fore sail and fore and mizzen topsails, and hove her to, so as when the shift come it would take her aft and do no damage. The flurry come about 4 o'clock the next mornin', and the wind into nor'west, and the weather cleared.

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"From that time we had ordinary weather, but the wind holdin' moderate from the west'ard, the passage were a long one, and it were three weeks after we got in. We towed up and made fast to the foot of Dover street, and if you'll believe me, sir, e'er we got that ship made fast, who should jump aboard but that same Griffith as Shepard and me had seen go off the lee topsail yard-arm three weeks afore.

"Well, sir, the yarn he spun us as to how he came there, if we hadn't a know'd it must be true, we couldn't never have believed it. He said that we were upborne by the wind so as to hit on the wave as light as a cork, but of course thought he had no show for his life, and made up his mind he were a goner. Just at this time, he said, it were a great comfort to him to think that he had his Bible with him, and he puts his hand down to feel it, it were all right into his pea-jacket pocket. He no sooner clasps his hand onto it, he said, than his head fetches up agin somethin' hard, which of course he grabbed, and lo and behold what ever should it be but our quarter-boat, which as I told you were washed off the gallows frame about the same time as he went off the topsail yard. Bottom up she had been on the frame, but now she was right side up, and pretty nigh full of water. How he ever dragged hisself into her he didn't know. It were a hard job, he said, with his wet clothes on, but he done it, and he bailed away at her with his hat till he got her nigh on to free from water. Her oars were fast to the thwarts, and with a couple of them he made a drag, and so kep' her head to the sea, and bein' a Francis metallic life-boat, she just rode out the gale like a cork, only once in a while takin' in a little water from the eart of a roller. When the mornin' came and the wind changed, bringin' fine weather, Griffith said he were pretty well tuckered out, what with 'bailin' and anxiety of mind, and when the sun rose he jist laid down in the starn-sheets, and went off for a long snooze.

"About eleven o'clock that forenoon the fog lifted, and here only about three miles ahead of him Griff seen a fleet of twenty or thirty fishing schooners at anchor. Right through the middle of the fleet went the portus, and as the boat were goin' past one of 'em Griff made a shift to crawl for'ard and cut the boat's painter. He would probably have been rescued without the least diminution of speed. All that day, and all that night, he galloped unfiring. The boat had passed through the fog, and into clear weather agin, and when mornin' came again into another dense fog, and into green water, and Griff know'd as he were on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. He were very weak, nows'ever, and worn't takin' much notion of anythin'. Times, he said, as he were nigh givin' up, he'd read the Bible and be marvelously strengthened. 'In fact, boys,' says he to us, 'if it hadn't been for this blessed book I wouldn't have been here this day.'

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"All that day that porpus kep' a runnin', and showed no signs of weariness. He had struck him near the tail, which were excellent for the iron holdin', but which had not affected the critter in any vital part. When the stars come out agin Griff seen by the North Star that his course were a little to the north of west true, and he waited as patiently as he could for the animal to tire, so as he could get at him. It were rather tantalizin' to know that only about thirty fathoms away there were plenty of good food and yet not be able for to get at it. He were dreadful hungry, and this second night he cut up one of his sea boots and chawed away on that, which were very unsatisfactory. At last he fell off to sleep, and he said he dreamt that he were sittin' down to the most luxurious banquets only to wake and find the day breakin' and himself still alone in the boat, which the porpus were still towin' to west'ard like cleared.

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Gen. Williamson, Commissioner of the General Land Office, says that it is estimated that \$40,000,000 worth of timber has been cut and shipped out of this country to foreign lands during the last twenty years by depredators, and lines of vessels on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts have been established to European ports for the express purpose of carrying this stolen timber. These depredations are still going on, and at the present rate of this timber will soon be very scarce. The timber

Local Matters.

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Republican City and Ward Conventions.

The Republicans of the city of Ypsilanti will meet on Wednesday evening, March 27, at 7 o'clock, as follows:

First Ward, at Engine House; Second Ward, at J. G. Crane's office; Third Ward, at Council Hall; Fourth Ward, at W. H. Jewett's office; Fifth Ward, at Havens' Grocery Store; to nominate candidates for Aldermen, and choose delegates to a

CITY CONVENTION, to be held Friday evening, March 29th, at the Council Hall, at 7 o'clock, to nominate city and district officers, and perform such other duties as may come before the Convention.

Wards will be entitled to delegates as follows: First, 7; Second, 7; Third, 7; Fourth, 6; Fifth, 7.

By order of City Committee.

WM. ROBBINS, Chairman.

N. B. On hand to print election tickets at this office at reasonable rates. Apply early.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Luke's church will be held next Thursday.

From over the river. The Havens Bros. leave the depot for Congress street—store occupied by Geo. Babcock.

Drury & Taylor present to the public and especially to farmers the Gale and South Bend plows this week.

H. A. Weeks is alone once more. Well, he is fully competent. Lawrence has joined the great army of Detroit runners.

Quite a number of the members of the reform club will attend the anniversary exercises of the Ann Arbor club to-night.

The social at the Presbyterian Church party Wednesday evening was really social—one of the most pleasant gatherings in years.

The Sentinel don't like to have its late whiskey article alluded to. Don't wonder! It is hard to ride on the fence and gall two antagonistic parties.

Our readers will notice in another column that Foster's Coliseum is to appear in Light Guard Hall next Monday evening. It is a combination of interesting features.

The new stores of Mr. Bucklin, opposite the post office, are now completed. They are very neat and convenient, and desirable places for business. A good chance for somebody.

Mr. E. Laible is noted for artistic taste. Noticing a letterhead being printed at this office, said "this is just as handsome as handsome can be, lithography can't beat it."

The Michigan Central folks are beginning operations on the new freight depot. The material is now being hauled. It will be situated directly back of the Follett House block.

The Young Ladies' Christian Temperance Union will have an auction social over Sherwood's store, next Friday evening. Admission 5 cents. Object, to fraternize and inspire one another in temperance work.

A separate jurisdiction has been granted the Michigan lodges of the A. O. U. W. by the supreme lodge lately in session at St. Louis, to take effect the 25th inst. Wm. H. Jewett, representative from Michigan, is home again.

Letters remaining uncalled for March 21st: Mrs. R. D. Briggs, Miss Mary Armstrong, Mrs. Renwick Brown (3), Henry Krause, Sarah Kilborn, Helen Long, T. Millspaugh, S. R. Millington, Charles H. Plow, E. J. Smith, Bob Wallace.

A motion was made, supported and argued before the reform club at the regular meeting last Friday evening, and when it came to a vote not a voice was heard. We judge that the enthusiasm of the members was dormant on that evening.

Samuel Douglas, a colored man, was tried and found guilty, by Justice Babbitt, on Wednesday, of assault and battery, the charge being preferred by his wife. For the next three months Samuel will be found at the Detroit house of correction.

YPSILANTI, March 21st, 1878. EDITOR COMMERCIAL—Dear Sir: As I told you some time since, I am not a candidate for the Republican nomination for justice of the peace in the first judicial district. Respectfully, FRED A. HUNT.

Rev. Mr. Haire, of Flint, gave a very entertaining and instructive lecture at the Catholic church last Sunday evening. A defense of the Catholic Church and doctrines. Of course, as is the case with all new converts, intensely zealous and partisan. Net receipts \$110.

The exhibition by Mrs. M. S. Starr's infant class, assisted by a few elder girls, at the Baptist church last Wednesday evening, was well attended. As we said in regard to the first entertainment many a 50 cent concert don't compare with this. Rarely has the boasted performers of adult singers and speakers so charmed and carried away an audience as this entertainment of the little folks. Mrs. S. is entitled to great praise for her laborious efforts. The receipts sustain a colored girl trying to get an education in Mrs. Dyer's school at Nashville, Tenn. An interesting letter from her was read.

The Democracy hold their caucuses Wednesday evening. First ward, Babbitt's office; second, at Hawkins House; third, council room; fourth, A. Crane's office; fifth, Schade's hall. City convention at council hall Thursday evening. A close corporation—only twenty-two delegates.

The Secretary of the Reform Club has received a letter from A. O. Miller, stating that he will be here the 27th instant to put under preparation a play to be brought out under the auspices of the club on Saturday, the 30th. Mr. Miller will also address the usual Sunday afternoon meeting the next day.

We received a pleasant call from Hon. J. W. Wing, Monday morning. Mr. W. gave an able, solid, convincing speech before the reform club last Sunday. It went right to the marrow. Mr. Wing is one of the honest grangers of this county and a whole team in every good cause. E. Laible addresses the club to-morrow

F. A. Oberst is in the city with an invention that every housekeeper, and in fact every merchant, and every one living within doors needs. It is a magic window cleaner, and it does it too, nicely and well, saving slop and time, slovenly windows, impatience, and disgust. Only 50 cents. Mr. O. has the right to this county and Wayne.

The friends of Father John Howland will be glad to know that he is able now to say with the blind man, "Whereas I was blind, now I see." Dr. Frothingham has recently performed another operation on his eyes, and now he can read the Bible and the COMMERCIAL, his favorite book and paper. Now 81 years old, this is a remarkable feat of science. Father H. has a high opinion of Dr. F's scientific knowledge and practice.

Appleton's Journal gives its readers for April, The American at work. The cheese maker, with seven illustrations. A taking poem, "Oh dinno ye remember, Jean."

"About the Ballot" six illustrations—Madams Sale, Camargo, Guimard, Bigotini, Tolligoni, and Essler. Jet, "Her face or her Fortune." New Ireland, Meridian, a poem. "The wonderful family." The Caricaturist. A wee profession. John Gleats and Tommy Browne, etc. For sale at the news offices.

Hon. C. Shier says, "He will lift a man up who is drunk and in the ditch. He will care and do anything in his power for him. But when lifted up out of the gutter he turns round and says, 'you must give me your money and endorse something that my conscience and judgment don't approve, you must help me ruin boys by cultivating in them idle habits and vicious practices, or I will go to drinking again,' he must say, go to your cups again for you are not worth saving."

There is no class of our population the COMMERCIAL has had a greater solicitude for than the colored. It has been with pain that so many of the young men appeared to be going hell-bent to ruin, patronizing the saloons in droves. It is a matter for great gratification that now nearly every colored man, young or old, seen on the streets or at work, is wearing the emblem of salvation, the red ribbon. The club embraces pretty near the entire male population over 160.

SILVER WEDDING.—On Thursday evening, March 14th, 1878, neighbors and friends assembled at the residence of O. H. and L. Twist, in the town of York, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and exceedingly bad roads, many were in attendance. The house was appropriately decorated with evergreens, and a hearty welcome was extended to all. The gifts were beautiful and bountiful, amounting in value to \$75. At ten o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Twist, supported by their two sons, and led by Rev. J. B. Gilman, entered the parlor to the sound of music. A spicy poem for the occasion was then read by Mr. Gilman, during which the marriage ceremony was performed. The guests were then regaled with everything that heart could wish, after which music and good cheer prevailed till a late hour. All returned home with light hearts and many congratulations for bride and groom.

A GUEST.—Daniel Smith, a farmer 80 years old, living four miles east of the city, on Friday, the 15th, together with his son's wife, was trading at Mr. Van Tuyl's store. Mr. Smith had been suffering during the winter from a bad cough and had used a compound embracing among other articles Jamaica rum. Mr. Van Tuyl had put up this medicine for him several times. Feels very unwell, not having been able to eat but very little breakfast and dinner, and seeing Mr. V. busy waiting on a customer, he stepped to the supposed place and drank, according to his (Smith's) statement, about a teaspoonful of Butter of Antimony, used for painting purposes and standing near by. Mr. S. was unable to read and judged as a matter of course that it must be the right bottle, as he had seen Mr. Van Tuyl pour out of a bottle at that place. He went out with his daughter-in-law to trade, but soon returned and informed Mr. V. that from a terrible sensation he felt in his stomach he must have made a mistake and sure enough he had—a fatal poison was reaching for his vitals. Every means and antidotes were speedily resorted to, but of course in vain. Drop antimony on the foot and it will make a person dance lively, eating to the bone. No doubt the effect was delayed for Mr. S. was enabled to ride home, a wonderful feat. He took the poison at two o'clock p. m. and at nine he died. Mr. Smith was well known as a man of temperate habits. In later life he had occasionally as a medicine taken some stimulus of this kind but never to exceed a teaspoonful.

He exculpated Mr. Van Tuyl from all blame. Said it was the first time he had helped himself, and entirely his own fault. This circumstance ought to be a warning, never to help oneself to anything in a drug store, get your medicines from the proprietor or clerks, who are the responsible parties.

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Michigan City.....	9:48	11:20	6:48	11:40			
New Buffalo.....							
Niles.....	10:45	12:15	8:14	9:00	12:55		
Kalamazoo.....	12:35	1:40	10:00	10:25			
Battle Creek.....	1:32	2:17		11:08	3:15		
Marshall.....	2:25	3:00		11:37	4:00		
Albion.....	2:52	3:21	A. C.	12:05	4:10		
Jackson.....Ar.	3:45	4:05	A. M.	12:50	4:55		
Chelsea.....	4:40	5:20					
Dexter.....	5:00	6:15					
Ann Arbor.....	5:20	5:10	7:00	2:10	6:38		
Ypsilanti.....	5:38	6:15	7:15	2:27	6:55		
Wayne Junction.....	6:02	5:45	8:25	2:48			
G. T. Junction.....Ar.	6:45	7:00	8:40	3:55			
Detroit.....Ar.	6:45	6:30	8:40	3:55			

The Grand Rapids Express leaves Ypsilanti, going east, at 11:55 A. M.

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Detroit.....Lv.	A. M. 7:00	9:35	4:45	6:20	9:50	
M. T. Junction.....	7:15	10:17	5:00	7:10	9:55	
Wayne Junction.....	7:46	10:55	5:25	7:30	11:04	
Ypsilanti.....						